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Fund OKs liquidation of assets

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REPORTER

The NMI Retirement Fund's board of trustees approved yesterday the immediate liquidation of its assets, temporarily investing them in mutual funds, and eventually securing them in insured banks to protect them from market fluctuations.

The decision comes on the heels of the recent loss of the Fund's investment consultant, Wilshire Associates, which ended its relationship with the Fund on Tuesday, according to officials.

As of Oct. 11, the Fund's total portfolio had a market value of $264.29 million, according to Fund board chair Sixto Igisomar.

Pursuant to law, the Fund cannot invest its assets without the advice of an expert such as Wilshire Associates. An

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Alleged $5M over-recovery under probe

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. overcharged its customers by more than $5 million in levelized accrued energy clause tariff, according to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, citing a report of its consultant, Georgetown Consulting.

Because of this, PUC will be investigating the alleged overcharge—also called over-recovery—and the results will be submitted for consid-

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An employee of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Parks and Recreation helps clean up a portion of Beach Road in Garapan yesterday afternoon. Despite funding cuts in many areas of government operations, maintenance of roadways and parks continue to be among the priority programs.

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'NMI inclusion in SNAP will open doors for FAS citizens and others'

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If and when the CNMI gets included in the national food stamp program, more people will become eligible to receive benefits, including Freely Associated States citizens, CNMI permanent residents, and spouses of U.S. citizens who have been on the islands for at least five years.

These three groups of people are currently not eligible to receive food stamps in the CNMI.

While the Fitial administration, the Senate, and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind-MP) have not used this to justify support or oppose a proposal to include the CNMI in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, it is a fact that more individuals will become eligible for food aid should the islands become a part of the national program.

Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota) said yesterday that the Senate will act, and likely pass, his bill authorizing the governor to seek the implementation of SNAP

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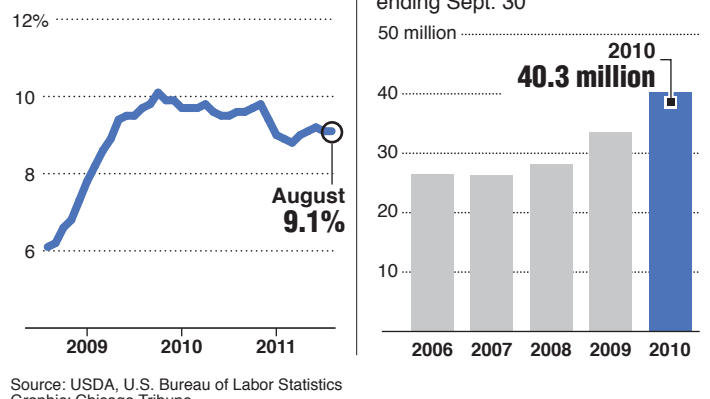
Persistently high unemployment in the United States has led to a five-year high in the number of Americans relying on food stamps.



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Local

Most NMI employers give only medical, vacation benefits

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Most CNMI employers provide group medical insurance and vacation benefits to their employees, and only a few provide other "benefits" such as premium pay and dental and life insurance.

These are based on the newly released results of the "benefits" portion of a survey that the Saipan Chamber of Commerce conducted through the Guam-based The Employers Council.

The Chamber previously released the results of the "wage and salaries" survey, which showed that CNMI public and private employers pay their employees anywhere between $3.25 an hour and $100 an hour.

The Chamber conducted its prevailing wage survey for employers applying for H-1B and other INA visas for their employees.

A total of 218 private and public employers participated in at least one of the two portions of the Chamber survey, while 213 participated in the wage and salary portion and 202 participated in the benefits portion.

Of the 194 employers who answered the question on group medical insurance, 120 or 61.9 percent said they provide such benefit to their employees while 73 or 37.6 percent said they do not have such benefit to their employees. One or .5 percent said they pay for personal healthcare plans.

Only 73 or 37.8 percent of 193 participating employers said they provide dental insurance to their workers. A total of 120 or 62.2 percent does not provide group dental insurance program.

Only 54 employers said they have basic life insurance program for their employees. This represents only 28.7 percent of the 188 employers who participated in this survey question. The remaining 134 or 71.3 percent does not have such program.

Supplemental life insurance to employees is provided by only 10 employers in the CNMI—out of 190 who answered the question about this. The rest, 180 or 94.7 percent, does not provide this.

Education/tuition assistance plans are also made available by 16 of 188 employers.

Only 16 of 187 employers also provide profit sharing, while only 72 of 189 employers have 401(k) retirement savings plans.

Retirement benefits other than 401(k) plans are provided only by 26 of 189 employers.

However, 98 or 51.9 percent of 189 employers provide paid sick leave.

A total of 134 of 166 employers provide bereavement leave.

Long-term disability benefit is provided by only 11 of 186 employers, while premium pay is given by only 12 of 183 employers.

The average number of holidays observed by 192 participating organizations is 6.5—the minimum is zero and the maximum is nine.

Vacation benefits are provided by 114 or 62.3 percent of 183 employers.

As for bonuses, 39 of 195 participating employers provide such benefit "only broadly based on individual performance or achievement."

Another 33 employers said they pay bonuses to employees "sometimes" and 123 said they do not pay such bonuses.

Only 77 of 190 employers provide automobile allowances to "specified employees" while 113 do not give such benefit.

Of the 191 employers participating in the survey on housing allowances, 101 or 52.9 percent said they provide this benefit.

Results of the Chamber's "2011 Survey of Wages and Salaries among Specified Jobs and Organizations in the CNMI" are now available online at www.saipan-chamber.com, free of charge.

The CNMI Department of Commerce will also conduct its own "census" of all public and private businesses in the CNMI.

Lawmakers already signing off on new letter naming LB chief

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Members of the House of Representatives and Senate have started signing off on a new letter affirming the removal of Glenna Reyes as Legislative Bureau director effective Sept. 30 and the appointment of Melchor Mendiola in her stead effective Oct. 1

Those who signed off on the letter expressed their respective house leadership's decision to remove Reyes pursuant to Article 2 Section 17(d) of the CNMI Constitution.

Leadership and concurring members also expressed concurrence and adoption of the House and Senate leaderships' appointment of Mendiola as LB director.

Only 16 members of the House and Senate leadership decided on Sept. 29 to remove Reyes and appoint Mendiola as LB director.

With the new letter, all 20 members of the House and the nine members of the Senate are able to participate in the decision.

Reyes, whose contract expired on Sept. 30, complained last week that there was a lack of participation of the entire membership of each house in replacing her during a closed-door meeting that she said was in violation of the Open Government Act.

There's still no telling whether Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) would recuse himself from participating since he is the husband of Glenna Reyes.

As of yesterday, sources said that "at least 10 or 11" House members have already signed off on the letter. At least 11 House members and at least five Senate members are needed.

Only Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan) agreed to go on record saying he's not signing off on the letter. But he thought that what transpired and was decided during the Sept. 29 meeting was official and final.

Others from the House and Senate confirmed signing the document but requested that their names not be published at this time.

Some of them said the issue was "too sensitive," they didn't want to "hurt" other members, or they're related to the parties involved.

Reyes, in a letter to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind-Rota), said she is on personal leave and has designated Mendiola to take charge of LB matters while she's on leave.

Woman arrested for alleged immigration document fraud

Federal agents arrested yesterday a woman who is facing an immigration document fraud case filed in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Federal agents served Rowena Agnes Urumelog with an arrest warrant issued by District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona. Her bail was set at $2,000 cash.

As of 3pm yesterday, no schedule had been set yet for Urumelog's initial court appearance.

According to the indictment filed on Sept. 22, Urumelog lied in the petition she filed with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for lawful permanent status for Abdullah Al Mamun.

Urumelog allegedly said "no" when asked if she had ever petitioned for another alien besides al-Mamun.

Urumelog allegedly knew that this was false in that on Jan. 22, 2003, she filed a petition for an alien relative for her then-husband Md. Jahangir Alam. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CUC kicks off exploratory survey for privatization plans

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With the enactment of a law early this year authorizing the privatization of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., the utilities agency started today the process of looking for potential buyers who want to buy and operate the agency.

In an announcement seeking "expressions of interest," CUC said the privatization may include direct purchase, operating contract schemes, utility agency or co-operative formation for the electrical power generation systems, electrical transmission and distribution systems, and water and wastewater utility services.

The announcement states, however, that the request for expressions of interest is only an exploratory project in order to survey the market interest in owning or operating CUC.

Acting CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said it is not intended to be a formal or informal procurement process and CUC does not express or imply that any future procurement and acquisition process will occur, or that any preference will be given to those who will reply to the survey.

In its announcement, CUC is specifically on the lookout for utility owners and operators with proven records of accomplishment in power generation, transmission, distribution, and water and wastewater utility ownership and operations.

Based on the survey result, Fletcher said that CUC will decide if it will pursue the privatization of the agency. Interested responders can turn in their proposal until Dec. 12, 2011.

Public Law 17-34 was signed on March 10, 2011. It scrapped the $250-million price tag to privatize the CUC and paves the way for the agency to immediately partner with private producers of renewable energy such as solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, or nuclear battery.

Among the key provisions of the new law include exempting renewable energy providers from the net metering law, expounding on the types of renewable energy projects, and adding a "build-operate-own contract" to the list of allowable private sector assistance agreement.

CUC has met with at least 12 producers of renewable energy in several months.

The CUC privatization bill was one of the priority bills identified by both the Fitial administration and the 17th Legislature that is expected to help boost the sagging economy.

Manglona hears motion to dismiss Hillbroom lawsuit

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona held off making a decision in the motion filed by Vietnam-based lawyer Barry Israel to dismiss the lawsuit filed by his former client, Junior Larry Hillbroom, the reported DNA-proven son of the late business tycoon Larry Lee Hillblom.

She also placed under advisement Israel's motion to dismiss a cross claim filed against him by Keith A. Waibel, the former trustee of Hillbroom's Trust.

She did not indicate as to when she will come out with a decision on both motions.

Manglona heard the case yesterday, with William Mills, counsel for Israel, arguing the motion to dismiss Hillbroom's complaint or, alternatively, to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court of Guam. Attorney Graham Lippsmith, counsel for Hillbroom, argued their opposition to the motion.

Mills also argued Israel's motion to dismiss Waibel's third-party complaint against Israel. Attorney Patrick Civille argued on behalf of Waibel.

The other lawyers present at the hearing were Mark Hanson, counsel for Hillbroom; Ramon Quichocho, counsel for Israel and third-party defendant David J. Lujan; and Robert Torres, counsel for Waibel.

Lujan and Israel have accused Hillbroom of colluding with Waibel to extort monies from them. Lujan, through counsel, accused Hillbroom and Waibel of being locked together in an extortionary enterprise against him and Israel.

Hillbroom, who is now based in Idaho, is suing Lujan and 10 other unnamed co-defendants in the U.S. District Court for the NMI for legal malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, racketeering activity, civil conspiracy, and violations of California Business and Professions Code.

Hillbroom filed the original lawsuit against Lujan in the Central District of California in 2009. The case was dismissed after the court found that it did not have personal jurisdiction over him. This prompted Hillbroom to file the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Hillbroom is suing Israel in the U.S. District Court for the NMI for allegedly conspiring to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings. Hillbroom named Waibel as co-defendant, for negligence, breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, and racketeering activity.

Waibel denied the allegations and filed a cross-claim against Israel and Lujan, alleging that Lujan and Israel obtained about $38 million in fees and costs from Junior Larry Hillbroom Trust by increasing their contingency fee without Hillbroom's knowledge.

Waibel, who is based in Moro Bay, Calif., asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to award him indemnity against Lujan who "may be found liable" in Hillbroom's lawsuit.

Lujan and Israel served as Hillbroom's counsels during Hillblom's probate in the CNMI Superior Court. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Interior's Tony Babauta on island today

U.S. Interior assistant secretary for insular areas Tony Babauta will be on Saipan today mainly to take part in the opening of the Department of Public Health's Hemodialysis Center.

Babauta

This will be Babauta's first visit to the CNMI since the release of the final worker regulations but because he will only be here for a few hours, there's no telling whether he will be able to discuss with CNMI officials the final rule or the Interior's recommendation to U.S. Congress on the status of long-term foreign workers.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial will also be at the hemodialysis center ribbon cutting but he's not aware of any other meeting between the governor and Babauta.

OIA has been instrumental in the completion of the hemodialysis center, and this is a reason for Babauta taking part in the opening ceremony.

The last time Babauta was here was in July to sign a $2.26 million grant to develop geothermal energy and bring the CNMI's fading economy back to life. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

Man who attacked family of 3 gets 90-day sentence

Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has imposed a 90-day prison sentence on a man who attacked a family of three and shattered a car's windshield in Koblerville.

Danny D. Disa, 25, had pleaded guilty to three counts of assault and battery as part of a plea deal.

Wiseman on Wednesday sentenced Disa to a year in jail, all suspended except for 90 days, with credit for time served. That means he is now a free man since he has already been in jail for 90 days.

He will be placed, however, on three years of supervised release and required to pay a $500 fine, $25 court assessment fee, and $100 probation fee. He was also directed to pay restitution to the victims, including the damage to the car, the cell phone, and the house.

Disa was required to pay all costs of all medical fees associated with injuries to one of the victims as a result of the assault. He was also sentenced to 50 hours of community service.

Disa repeatedly punched Mohammed Muslim in the head and attempted to hit him with a screwdriver on July 2, 2011.

He punched Sabrina Satur in the head and attempted to hit her with a screwdriver. He also slapped Satur's daughter.

Muslim told police that Disa then walked out of their house and punched the driver's side windshield of a Toyota Tercel belonging to an auto shop's customer. The punch caused the windshield to shatter.

When Muslim tried to call the police, the suspect grabbed the cell phone and threw it away.

Satur reportedly suffered head trauma and was brought to the Commonwealth Health Center, police said.

Disa was arrested later that day and was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, burglary, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

The police report did not indicate the motive for the attack. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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eration and appropriate action during the commission's January 2012 regulatory session.

Commissioners Viola Alepuyo and Joaquin Manglona, in their letter to the Legislature on Oct. 12, indicated that the $5 million covers a few months from fiscal year 2010 to date.

"Since late 2010, CUC has been over-recovering revenues under the LEAC tariff. Georgetown estimates that this over-recovery now exceeds $5 million. Pursuant to the commission orders, this over-recovery should have been escrowed for immediate reimbursement to consumers. Georgetown has expressed concern that CUC has misapplied these over-recovered funds for non-fuel related purposes in violation of both commission orders and public law," states the commissioners' letter to House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Senate President Paul Manglona (Ind.-Rota).

In that same letter, the commissioners also expressed their strong opposition to the abolition of the LEAC tariff as recommended by a bill now pending in the House.

Georgetown earlier described the current LEAC rate as "unquestionably higher than required" and should be reduced at the earliest possible date. CUC has disputed this, saying the claim is based on incorrect and unsupported assumptions.

Based on CUC's rate relief petition on water and wastewater on Oct. 11, refunding customers for any alleged LEAC over-collection will have no economic impact as revenue from the power division are not sufficient to cover the losses of the water and wastewater division.

"CUC has experienced an overall loss of $7.9 million for fiscal year 2011, or approximately 9.1 percent of revenues. A utility that is experiencing an overall net operating loss of approximately $8 million, as is CUC, has no ability to refund payments of any kind to ratepayers," states CUC in its petition.

The LEAC rate is a component of the power bill that reflects the cost of fuel. It is supposed to go up or down to reflect the cost of buying fuel to run the power plants.

FUND

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emergency request for proposal for Wilshire's replacement was ordered yesterday.

The Fund's money managers have been fleeing the Fund in droves since the passage of the Beneficiaries Derivative Act early last month. The new law allows pensioners to sue the Fund's assets managers if the board of trustees refuses to initiation such action.

The Fund assets that are up for immediate liquidation are the foreign equities being handled by Templeton and the capital account being handled by Richmond Capital. The liquidation will also result in the termination of these money managers' contracts with the Fund.

Templeton and Richmond Capital are the last remaining money managers of the Fund. The others—about four—had already terminated their contracts and had already liquidated the assets they were handling for the Fund. Those liquidations were completed Tuesday this week, according to Fund administrator Richard Villagomez.

As soon as the Templeton and Richmond accounts are liquidated, these funds will be temporarily placed in mutual funds. The intention, he told *Saipan Tribune*, is to "secure" the Fund's assets while it looks for a financial adviser that will direct the Fund on where to invest.

With Wilshire's departure, the board decided yesterday to adopt a "transitional" strategy where all funds—which have been moved to mutual funds—will be deposited in banks while the agency looks for a new financial adviser. They call this the Glidepath 2013 strategy.

The board also authorized the Fund to enter the CEDAR program, which will look for insured banks where the Fund can deposit its $264.3 million. The program is a way to provide FDIC insurance to depositors who carry balances beyond what is normally insurable.

According to Villagomez, transferring assets from mutual funds to banks may take some weeks because there is a $200,000 cap in the amount that can be deposited per account. This means that the CEDAR program has to find several banks to accommodate the entire $264.3 million.

The board approved depositing the Fund's assets on a short-term period, not to exceed a maturity period of three months.

Wilshire, which provided the trustees a step-by-step procedure on how it can best survive, recommended the use of First Financial Corp. as a first choice for the CEDAR program, along with two other firms as alternates.

The board pointed out yesterday that once a new investment consultant is hired, the Fund will stop implementing the Glidepath 2013 strategy and will implement the new consultant's recommendations.

Crime Stoppers tip leads to arrest

A Crime Stoppers tip led to the arrest of George Jones Castro, a Saipan man accused of the armed robbery of Capitol Poker in Sadog Tasi on Aug. 29, 2011.

In that incident, a man armed with a knife tied up a 56-year-old male cashier and robbed the establishment of between $2,500 and $2,700 in cash.

The police, in an effort to obtain help identifying the suspect, ran the surveillance footage on KSPN. As a result, several tips were called in to the Crime Stoppers tip line and the assailant was identified as George Jones Castro. After again reviewing the footage, and now believing that Castro was indeed the man in the surveillance footage, DPS officers approached Castro's sister, who confirmed that it was her brother on the tape.

As a result of the Crime Stoppers tip, the 43-year-old Castro was apprehended and he subsequently admitted to the crime. Arrested on Sept. 4, 2011, Castro appeared before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on Sept. 6, 2011, on charges of robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, theft, and disturbing the peace. His bail was set at $17,250.

CNMI Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards of up to $1,000 for information leading to an arrest. If you have any information on a crime call the Crime Stoppers tips line at 234-7272 (PARA) or *11 from any IT&E cellular phone (toll-free from Tinian and Rota) to give your information. All calls remain anonymous. Tips can also be submitted via the Crime Stoppers webpage, www.nmicrimestoppers.com. In addition, Crime Stoppers offers a minimum of $500 on a reward leading to an arrest on any crime committed against a tourist. ***(Crime Stoppers)***

SNAP

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in the CNMI, during their session on Tuesday.

His Senate Bill 17-88 says the increased amount of benefits to people to end hunger, the additional tax revenue, and the multiplier impact on the economy outweighs the administrative costs to the government that SNAP requires.

Four other senators—Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan), and Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota)—confirmed yesterday their support for Manglona's Senate Bill 17-88.

Hofschneider said if the intent is to add benefits "by way of putting food on the table, I do support."

"But I'd rather see that our people get employed first. Of course we all understand the issue of unemployment nationwide. It is for this reason that I will throw in my support to include the CNMI [in the national program] and support the bill," he said.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao, in a separate interview yesterday, said that allowing more people to receive food stamps in the CNMI is not the main reason why he is opposed to SNAP's implementation in the CNMI, but the additional costs to the local government.

Still, he told the Senate president that under the national food stamp program, legal immigrants who have been residing in the U.S. for at least five years are eligible to receive food stamp.

Faisao said besides the estimated $650,000 that the CNMI has to put up to cover 50 percent of the administrative costs, the CNMI also has to spend on the infrastructure to support the electronic benefit transfers system that will require the use of "plastic cards" similar to credit cards instead of paper coupons.

RAS Consulting, which the delegate commissioned to conduct a cost-benefit analysis, said the inclusion in SNAP means additional food stamp benefits to CNMI recipients of $19 million in 2013 and $24 million in 2014, with subsequent years through 2021 between $20 million and $24 million.

The total economic impact of $12 million to $24 million in additional SNAP benefits for CNMI beneficiaries would be $21.48 million to $42.96 million.

This means for every $650,000 in administrative costs that the CNMI has to spend, the CNMI economy could get at least $21.48 million in total economic impact.

Still, Faisao said the CNMI government does not have $650,000 to spare.

"Where will we get the $650,000? Not only that. We need money for the interface. Should we cut other services to have money to spend on the SNAP, like education and public safety?" Faisao asked.

This early, some residents, including a worker from the Federated States of Micronesia, are hoping that the CNMI will be included in SNAP to include more people in the program.

Just like independent firm RAS Consulting, DCCA came up with its own analysis if and when the CNMI joins SNAP.

In the RAS Consulting report based on CNMI Nutrition Assistance Program data, a family of four in the CNMI shows an average monthly benefit of $302 a month.

In Guam which is part of SNAP, a family of four receives an average of $985, RAS Consulting said. It also said a family of four gets an average of $668 nationally.

But Faisao said based on DCCA's study, a CNMI family of four gets an average of $444 in food stamp a month, while the national program gives $666.

Faisao also said the benefit level may be adjusted for CNMI clients when participation in the program increases.

He said for SNAP, the benefit is not changed even if program participation increases.

DCCA data, provided by Faisao to the CNMI Senate president, also shows the average monthly benefit per person under SNAP in fiscal year 2010 was $218.22 in Guam, and $216 .01 in Hawaii. He said the CNMI is $151, if under SNAP.

CPUC: Abolishing LEAC eliminates transparency at CUC

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The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission strongly opposes a plan to abolish the levelized energy accrued clause—or LEAC tariff—and replace it with a fuel charge that will fluctuate from month to month, saying that doing so will eliminate transparency in the utility firm's operations.

In a seven-page letter to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and the Legislature, PUC commissioners Viola Alepuyo and Jack Manglona argued that Senate Bill 17-84 will have a significant negative impact on Commonwealth residences, business community, and government consumers.

The LEAC charge typically applies for six months. The Senate bill proposes to change that into a monthly fuel adjustment clause that would be calculated on the first day of every month.

The bill, authored by Sen. Pete Reyes (R-Saipan), had already passed the Senate and is awaiting the House's approval.

The commission urged lawmakers to conduct a public hearing that will examine the bill's merits before they act on the measure, saying that electric consumers "deserve a thorough and transparent public review which can be best accomplished by these public hearings."

The commissioners specifically pointed out that the measure currently has no formula by which consumers and the commission would know what is included in the monthly fuel adjustment clause, or MFAC. They said when rate tariffs cannot be expressed in numeric terms, they are presented in a formula or process similar to the commission's mandatory filing requirements.

There is also no provision in the bill that the proposed MFAC has been approved by anyone. They said there should be a resolution authorizing and approving the MFAC and that a rate change resolution must be adopted and certified by the CUC board of directors.

Another omission, they said, is a summary that would tell residential, business, and government consumers the effective date of the proposed change, the magnitude of the proposed change, and the impact of the proposed change both in dollars and percentage.

Importantly, the commissioners noted that there is no provision in Reyes' bill for reimbursing consumers for the over-recovery of fuel related expenses that are known by CUC to have already occurred.

"Senate Bill 17-84 lacks transparency. CUC would be free to control 80 percent of the cost of electricity to residences, businesses, and government consumers without providing notice of the change and amount, conducting public hearings to receive comments and evidence from consumers, and providing to consumers and the commission work papers supporting any change to the MFAC," their letter states.

The pointed out that the entire process lacks transparency and would be cloaked in secrecy. No information is also provided on the reconciliation process other than one line with no entry labeled "variance from prior fuel adjustment clause." CPUC said that this vagueness is an open invitation to abuse because no related work papers and documents would be made available to consumers.

'What LEAC does for customers'

Under the current setup, the commission reviews CUC's fuel expenses every six months and then sets a prospective LEAC rate for the next six months, subject to adjustment to assure that consumers are neither over-nor under-billed for CUC's actual fuel expenses.

According to the commission, it has done six semi-annual reviews in the last three years and the process has resulted in the many findings, including the fact that CUC has been unable to account for 20 percent of its energy production. The industry standard is 6 percent to 8 percent, according to the commission's consultant, Georgetown Consulting.

The commission had determined that this excessive level of unaccounted for energy constitutes a hidden and unreasonable expense to electric customers. It later ordered CUC to stop providing free power to the water and wastewater divisions to generate savings projected to amount to $4.4 million.

The commission also uncovered several unauthorized use of LEAC revenues.

The commission created the LEAC tariff in December 2008 to enable CUC to recover its fuel costs.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

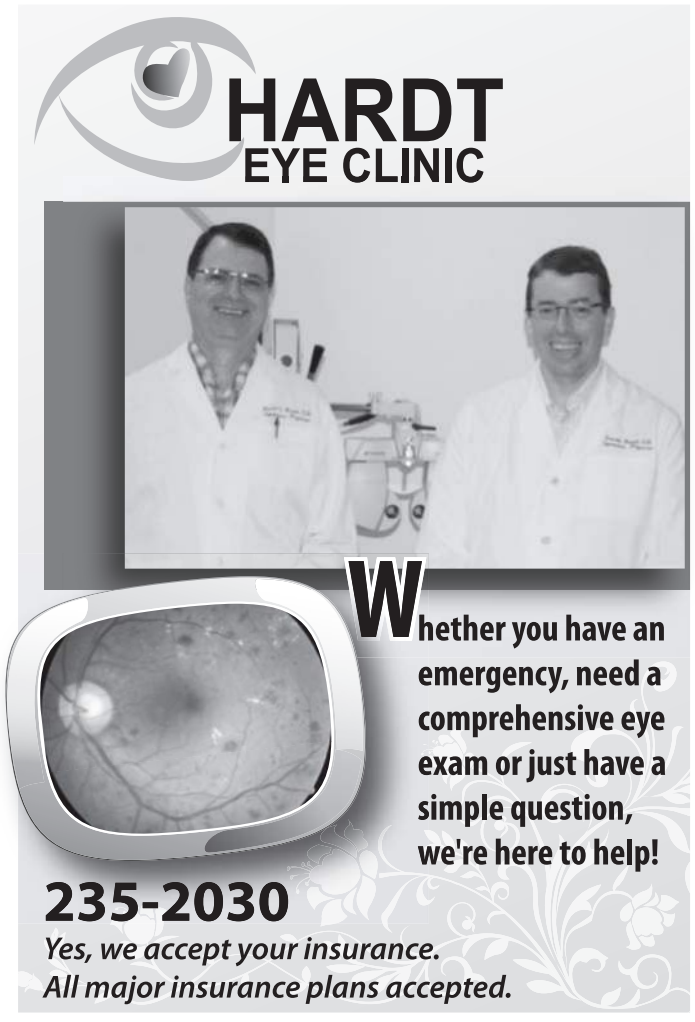
Theft at Coral Ocean Point

Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a theft incident that occurred at Coral Ocean Point.

On Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at about 1:30pm, the victim, a local female, 51, was with her daughter playing golf at hole No. 14. The victim heard a noise and turned to see the suspect, described as a local male wearing a brown shirt, running with their purses that were left on the golf cart. The victims pursued the suspect on a golf cart toward hole No. 13. The suspect scaled a chain link fence and escaped on a red, three-wheeled motor scooter.

Witnesses and employees saw two suspects fleeing the parking area on two three-wheeled motor scooters. The victim's purses were recovered in the bushes near the crime scene. Over $700 cash was stolen.

DPS and Crime Stoppers are seeking help from the public. Contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use its website at www.nmi-crimestoppers.com. Crime stoppers pays up to $1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. ***(Crime Stoppers)***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Administration yet to finalize transfer of 3 DCCA offices

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REPORTER

The Fitial administration is still finalizing the transfer of three offices under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs to the Indigenous Affairs Office, according to press secretary Angel A. Demapan.

Demapan

The merger of the Historic Preservation Office, the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, and the Language Policy Commission with the Indigenous Affairs Office under the supervision of the Office of the Governor was among the recommendations of a desk audit done by the Virginia-based Management Analysis, Inc. last year.

Demapan said the administration "heeded" the recommendation "in an effort to achieve greater efficiency in the overall organization structure of the CNMI government."

The transfer was originally scheduled to become effective on Oct. 1, the start of fiscal year 2012.

Since the transfer process is still being finalized, Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* that the appropriations for the affected offices under the new fiscal year 2012 budget "are structured so that it can easily be lifted out of the DCCA budget" and moved under the Indigenous Affairs Office.

"When the time comes to effectuate theses organizational changes, the administration does not anticipate any problems with the budget for the respective offices," added Demapan.

Judge orders continued detention of ex-convict in new criminal case

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The federal court ordered yesterday the detention of an ex-convict who is facing a new criminal case for labor fraud conspiracy.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona granted the U.S. government's motion to detain Wei Lin and remanded him into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Lin's counsel, Joseph Norita Camacho, did not oppose assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum's motion. He said that since Lin, a Chinese national, is unemployed and had been convicted in the first case, he has no immigration status.

With this lack of status, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has an immigration detainer on the defendant, Camacho added.

Camacho's co-counsel, Michael Norita Evangelista, told *Saipan Tribune* that being detained on a criminal case allows a person to obtain credit for time served.

Being detained on an immigration detainer, on the other hand, does not allow him credit for time served as this is a civil case, Evangelista said.

"It was better for Lin to remain at the Department of Corrections under a criminal case, that is why we did not oppose the detention," Evangelista said.

The new indictment charged Lin with one count of foreign labor contracting fraud conspiracy, five counts of foreign labor contracting fraud, one count of alien smuggling conspiracy—encouraging, five counts of alien smuggling—encouraging, one count of alien smuggling conspiracy—harboring, and five counts of alien smuggling—harboring.

Lin pleaded not guilty. The jury trial will be on Dec. 12, 2011.

The new indictment accused Lin of acting with others in recruiting five Chinese nationals from China to the CNMI for employment based on false promises.

The recruited Chinese nationals—four females and one male—were allegedly promised work visas after arriving on Saipan, salaries of over $1,000 per month, and employment as a waitress, cleaner, or taxi driver.

In Lin's first case—driver's license fraud—he was sentenced last week to six months in prison but was subsequently freed after being given credit for the time he had already served in jail.

CDA kicks off its search for new comptroller

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The Commonwealth Development Authority has already started reviewing applications submitted for the position of comptroller.

Executive director Manuel A. Sablan, during the CDA board meeting on Wednesday, said that current comptroller Stuart B. Smith has "decided to end his employment with us."

Smith's contract expires on the first week of December.

CDA, an autonomous agency created to stimulate economic development in the CNMI, advertised Smith's position from August to September.

The advertisement said that the comptroller position "is an excepted service position." Salary range for the position is $50,000 to $65,000 for a renewable term every two years.

During the meeting, staff and board members discussed what would be an acceptable period of transition for Smith to endorse his work to the new comptroller.

Board member Marcie Tomokane argued that a basic orientation would last "maybe a week or two but not a full-blown 30 days" to avoid paying for two comptrollers.

Sablan emphasized that his concern is "to make sure that whoever gets in, that he can really run with it because Stuart has done a number of things in the agency" such as setting up accounting records and some of the programs that CDA has, including the new State Small Business Credit Initiative or SSBCI Loan Guaranty and Loan Participation Programs.

Interview for the applicants started on Wednesday.

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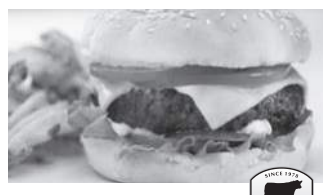

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22 SDA students give thanks for scholarships

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REPORTER

Twenty students of the Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist School made "thank you" cards that they presented to members of the SDA Clinic board yesterday to express their appreciation for the scholarship program that helps finance their Christian education.

The students, between preschool to eighth grade, shook hands with eight of the 10 board members before handing over the cards at the SDA Clinic along Quartermaster Road.

School principal Michael Berglund, who was among those who accompanied the students, said the SDA Clinic board provided $50,000 worth of scholarships for 32 students for school year 2011-2012.

"We couldn't do it without the board," Berglund told *Saipan Tribune*. "They're a huge part of our funding and it gives us a chance to provide these students with a good Christian education."

The scholarship program, open to all members of the community and is not limited to a specific religious domination, pays for up to 75 percent of the tuition of each scholar. The remaining 25 percent is shouldered by the student's family.

A scholar is required to have a good academic standing and have proof of financial need.

Danielle Zayco, 11, said the scholarship program has been very helpful for her and her mother, who pays less for a quality education. She said she has been a scholar for two years now.

"It just motivates me to work harder because I got the scholarship through my good grades," said the seventh grader. "Thank you SDA board for helping me and my mom out, for paying part of my tuition because it really helps a lot."

Eighth grader Jessila Karben said it feels great knowing that she will be able to graduate through the scholarship program.

"Thank you to the board for everything, for supporting me, my family, and the school," said Karben.

First grader old Ava Deleon Guerrero, 6, said she, too, feels grateful for the scholarship, which has helped her family shoulder the costs of her education.

"I promise I will do my best with my studies," said seventh grader Mariol Joy Lopez, 11.

Board chair Louie Torres commended the SDA School staff and the students whom he encouraged to study hard.

"God bless you children and use this education the best way that you can," said Torres.

Members of the Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic join SDA School students and staff for a group photo yesterday. Twenty students made thank you cards that they handed to the board members to say thank you for their assistance in the school's scholarship program.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

Saipan Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic board member Koklian Lim shakes hands with a young male student from SDA school as other board members look on yesterday.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

Public invited to Rosary Rally tomorrow

The CNMI community is being invited to join the Public Square Rosary Rally tomorrow, Oct. 15, at 12pm, at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral Baseball Field in Susupe, Saipan.

This Public Square Rosary, sponsored by America Needs Fatima, in collaboration with the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, will be one of over 7,000 rallies that will take place all across the United States on that day. All rallies should start at noon. This is important as it is near the time that the miracle of the sun took place in Fatima in 1917! We wish to honor Our Lady and Our Lord within this timeframe.

The schedule of activities are as follows:

- 9am – 11:45am: Registration
- 9am – 12pm: Preparation for the culmination of the Holy Rosary. It will be attended by the CCD students (preconfirmation and confirmation) and catechists. Those who would like to join are most welcome.
- 12pm – 1pm: Rosary Rally Prayer Program

For more information, contact Dr. Celia B. Lamkin, America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally Captain, at 288-1714; Sr. Estela Altea, Diocesan Director for the Office of Religious Education, Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, at 234-3000; or Esco Cabrera at 322-2833. ***(PR)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 14, 2002

'Press NMI's edge as training site'
With realistic military training being hampered by cultural, geographic and political issues in Okinawa, Japan, now would be a perfect time to highlight the advantages that the Commonwealth can offer to the U.S. military in terms of giving them ideal training sites. This was stressed by Special Assistant for Veterans and Military Affairs Frank G. Cepeda, who told Gov. Juan N. Babauta that, with the present set-up of the military in the CNMI, all contribute to an environment where the military could easily assemble and arrange for the many training missions it needs. Cepeda said that during a recent trip to Japan with some House of Representatives lawmakers, they found out that the U.S. military in Okinawa is having a difficult time in training their soldiers.

Tinian bans fishing with scuba tanks
The use of scuba tanks when fishing within the lagoon and coastal waters of Tinian and Aguiguan is now a prohibited activity. This comes soon after Gov. Juan N. Babauta signed into law a local bill that prohibits the use of scuba tanks and such related devices among commercial and non-commercial fishermen when fishing for reef fish and harvesting other marine life within the lagoon and coastal waters of the two islands. The measure, Senate Local Bill 13-4, goes into the books as Tinian Local Law 13-1. The measure was first passed by the Tinian Legislative Delegation on August 13.

Oct. 14, 2003

Lawmaker to push for bill vs Columbus Day holiday
While most of the Commonwealth observed a nonworking holiday to commemorate navigator Christopher Columbus' landing in the Americas, a lawmaker expressed intent yesterday to revive legislation that would remove Columbus Day as an official Commonwealth holiday. Sen. Pete P. Reyes, who has assumed the Senate presidency, is proposing to do away with Columbus Day to replace it with the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day every January. Senate Bill 13-117, which Reyes introduced last year, is pending in the Judicial, Government and Law Committee chaired by Sen. Thomas P. Villagomez. "It's a good time to revisit that," Reyes said yesterday.

Govts act to promote garment revenues
No one knows exactly what will happen in 2005, when all quotas imposed on apparel between members of the World Trade Organization will be eliminated; but with a more open global economy, it's a foregone conclusion that retailers will be able to search the world for the best price, highest quality, fastest delivery, and most flexibility. In an effort to protect their garment industries, the governments of the Philippines and India are taking action. According to a Bear Stearns Equity Research report released in September 2003, India, a country known for its highly skilled workforce, is gearing up to compete: the Indian government has set aside $2.5 billion to help its factories modernize and increase production capacity.

Oct. 14, 2004

CNMI finally gets China's ADS
The CNMI finally got what it wanted: approved destination status from the People's Republic of China. "We've got it! This is absolutely great news for the CNMI. It will enhance the tourism industry," said Gov. Juan N. Babauta in an interview. The governor disclosed that he received a letter Saturday from PROC's National Tourism Administration informing him about the granting of the status to the Commonwealth. "It's nearly one year after you first wrote to my chairman [He Guanghei]. Now, I am honored to inform you that the State Council [of PROC] has approved to grant the status to your Commonwealth," said CNTA director-general for marketing and communications department Shen Huirong in a letter to Babauta.

Senate raises 2005 budget to over $217M
After hours of deliberation, the Senate unanimously voted yesterday to amend the House-adopted budget resolution and raised its level from $212.651 million to $217.751 million for fiscal year 2005. This came about after the Babauta administration submitted to the Legislature yesterday documents identifying $5.1 million in additional funds for 2005. The additional amount would come from the projected revenues from two recently enacted laws: some $2.1 million from Public Law 14-28 or the tax amnesty law and at least $3 million from P.L. 14-35 or the CNMI Revenue and Taxation Code.

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Stop picking on immigrants

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A tide of anti-immigrant sentiment has produced the nation's harshest crackdown on undocumented residents.

While the courts have blocked some of Alabama's draconian law, it still stands as a distressing example of the growing national anger at vulnerable people whose main offense is wanting to pursue better lives in this country.

Among other things, Alabama's law makes criminals of anyone who would "harbor" or "transport" an illegal immigrant. Parents will have to start asking a child's Hispanic playmate to show them his papers before allowing him sleep over. Likewise for any landlord renting to someone with a foreign accent.

Enforcement of such extreme measures, which clearly contradict federal law, was temporarily blocked by U.S. District Judge Sharon Blackburn. But other harsh steps got her blessing. State and local police now have huge discretion to check for immigration papers and detain a person on only an undefined "reasonable suspicion" of illegal status.

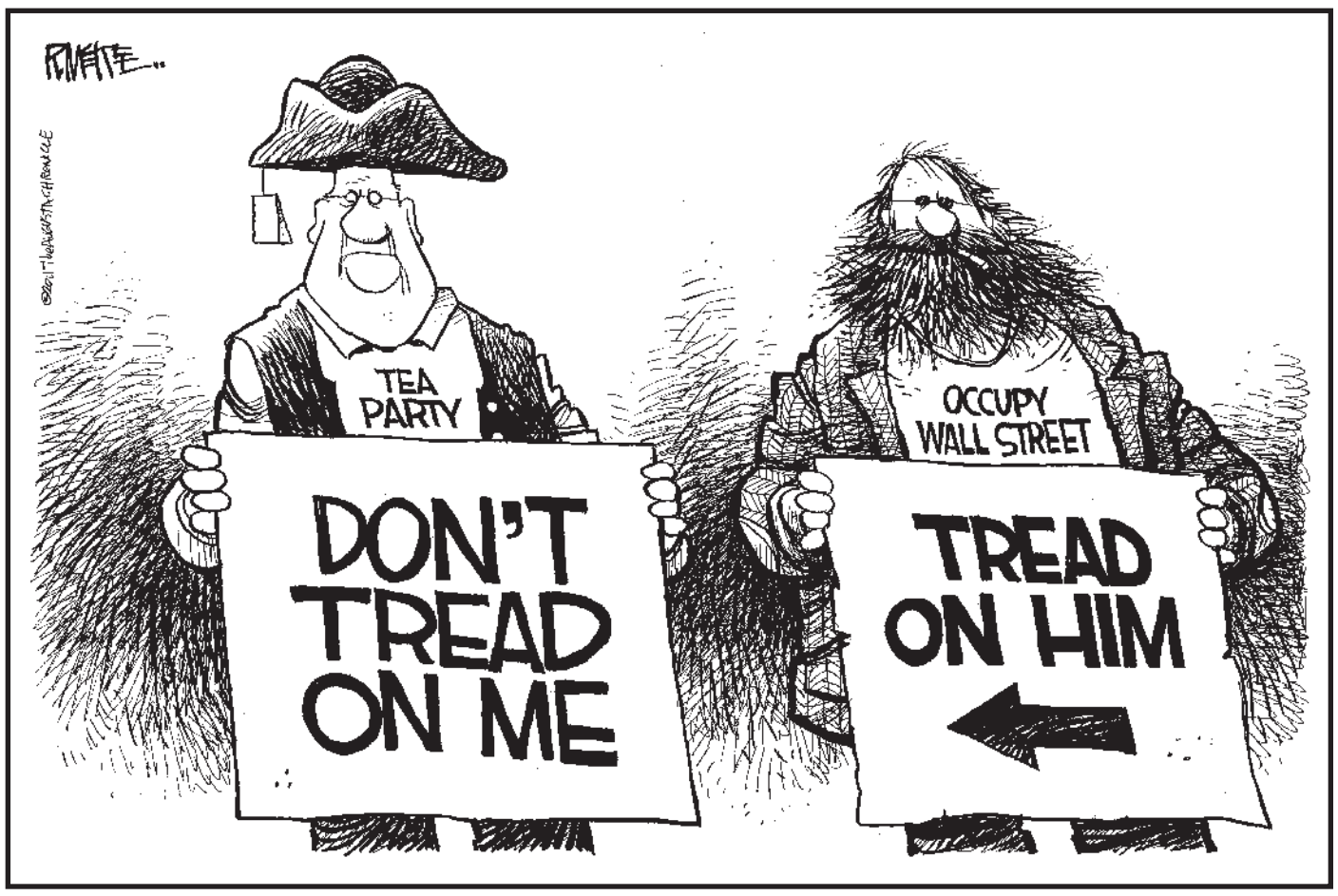
Alabama's law has done what its supporters wanted: create a climate of fear that drives away illegal immigrants, no matter how responsible they are. There have been reports that pregnant women are afraid to seek medical care. Families are pulling their children from schools, which are now required to ask students whether they're here illegally.

A number of other states are also cracking down on illegal immigrants. Angry political movements tend to rise in times of national stress or profound change, and in these tough times, illegal immigrants are once again a convenient target. Today's climate is so bad that even a tea-party darling like Texas Gov. Rick Perry got booed for saying immigrant children deserve a chance at higher education, even if their parents came here illegally.

Ironically, the current anti-immigrant fervor comes at a time when federal enforcement of immigration laws has actually gotten tougher. Deportations have reached record levels (almost 393,000 last fiscal year), while the number trying to enter illegally appears to be dropping.

The nation's immigration system too often seems to fail to recognize the reality that drives so much of the illegal entry into the United States. Many of those escaping from poor countries sneak in because they know there is hard, low-paying work to be done here that too few Americans are willing to do. An improved guest-worker program is a better way to fill that economic void.

Those illegal immigrants who have been in this country a long time and lived otherwise law-abiding lives should be given a path to citizenship. America is still a magnet for those who want better lives, and Americans should be proud of that. The ability to attract ambitious, hardworking immigrants can be a source of national strength, if the nation can resist knee-jerk measures and establish a reasonable mix of enforcement and opportunity.

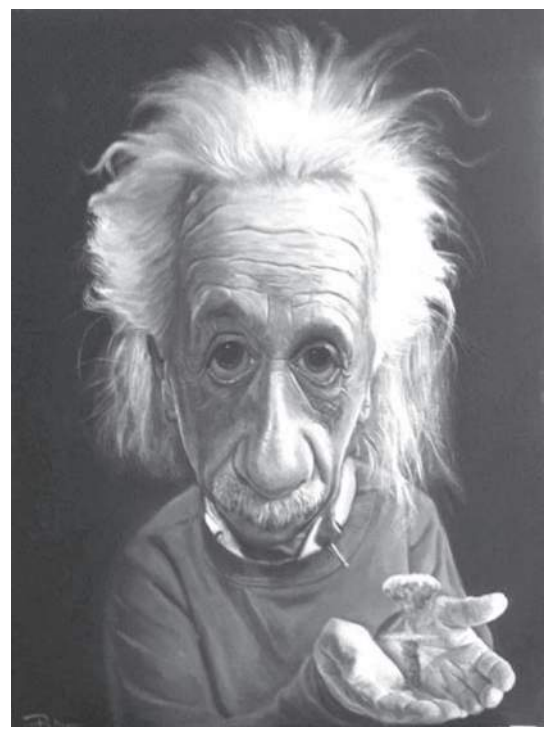


Why Einstein was wrong about being wrong

By MICHAEL D. LEMONICK
LOS ANGELES TIMES

If you want to get your mind around the research that won three astronomers the Nobel Prize in physics last week, it helps to think of the universe as a lump of dough—raisin-bread dough, to be precise—mixed, kneaded and ready to rise. Hold that thought.

Now consider Albert Einstein—not the wild-haired, elderly, absent-minded professor he became in his later years but a young, dashing scientist in his 30s. It's 1916, and he's just published his revolutionary general theory of relativity. It's not necessary to understand the theory (thank goodness). You just have to accept that it gave scientists the mathematical tools they needed to forge a better understanding of the cosmos than they'd ever had.



There was just one problem. Relativity told physicists that the universe was restless. It couldn't just sit there. It either had to be expanding or contracting. But astronomers looked, and as far as they could tell, it was doing neither. The lump of dough wasn't rising, and it wasn't shrinking.

The only way that was possible, Einstein realized, was if some mysterious force was propping up the universe, a sort of antigravity that pushed outward just hard enough to balance the gravity that was trying to pull it inward. Einstein hated this idea. An extra force meant he had to tinker with the equations of general relativity, but the equations seemed so perfect just as they were. Changing them in any way would tarnish their mathematical beauty.

Einstein did it anyway. The universe ought to behave according to the laws he had set out, but it simply wasn't cooperating. The "cosmological constant"—his name for the new antigravity force—became part of the theory.

Then, a decade or so later, the great astronomer Edwin Hubble went up to the Mount Wilson Observatory above Pasadena and used the world's most powerful telescope to peer deeper into the universe than anyone had before. Making excruciatingly careful measurements of the galaxies he could see beyond the Milky Way, Hubble was astonished to learn that they weren't stationary at all. The galaxies—the raisins in the bread dough—were in motion, each moving apart from the other. The dough was rising in all directions, and the raisins were going along for the ride.

This discovery ultimately lead to the Big Bang theory, which says that the cosmos was once tiny, with all matter packed tightly together, and that it's been expanding every since. When Hubble first announced his results, however, Einstein was more concerned with its consequences for general relativity. If the universe was expanding, the cosmological constant wasn't needed. His beautiful equations had been right to begin with. In 1931, Einstein came to Mount Wilson to shake Hubble's hand and thank him for saving relativity from the cosmological constant, whose invention Einstein denounced as "the greatest blunder of my life."

But this year's Nobel suggests that it was Einstein's statement, not the cosmological constant, that may have been the true blunder. Once astronomers accepted that the universe was expanding, they began to wonder if it would expand at the same rate forever. Or maybe, if there was enough gravity from all of those billions of galaxies pulling on each other, it would slow down, and or even slow to a stop someday and fall back on itself.

In the mid-1990s two independent teams of astronomers, one based at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and the other at observatories in Baltimore and Australia, decided to find out. Armed with telescopes far more powerful than anything available in Hubble's day, they began using supernovas—titanic explosions in which a single dying star briefly outshines an entire galaxy—as markers to measure the expansion speed at different times in the history of the universe. They could do it because telescopes are really time machines. The light from a distant supernova has taken so long to get here that when we finally see it, we're seeing a snapshot from billions of years in the past. If the supernova is relatively nearby, the snapshot is relatively recent.

By measuring the speed and distance of many different supernovas, from many different eras, you can see whether anything has changed over the billions of years of cosmic history. And when the astronomers looked, things had changed, but in a way nobody expected. The expansion of the universe wasn't slowing down. It was speeding up. The dough was, and still is, rising faster now than it was in the beginning. A baker would be astonished by this bizarre behavior. So were the astronomers. The only explanation that made sense: Einstein's "greatest blunder" was actually one of his greatest predictions. There really is a mysterious antigravity force. Einstein's only mistake was in rejecting it.

The 1998 discovery of the accelerating universe earned the Lawrence Berkeley Lab's Saul Perlmutter half of this year's Nobel. His competition—Brian Schmidt of the Australian National University and Adam Riess of the Space Telescope Science Institute, split the other half.

Only two questions remain. First, why did it take the Nobel committee so long to recognize such an important discovery? The an-

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New naval muscle for the Philippines

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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As Saipan watches the west Pacific military situation evolving all around us, here's a story that will interest many residents: Over the past few weeks the Philippine navy has scored at least one, and maybe even two, additions to its fleet. The first one is a former U.S. Coast Guard Hamilton-class cutter. The second I'll chalk as a "maybe" given that only a couple of blogs are reporting the story, namely that South Korea is donating a Pohang-class corvette to the Philippines.

So, avast ye' mates, let's do some armchair sailing and take a look at this.

This comes along at a good time for the Republic of the Philippines, which has a whole lot of coast to patrol to begin with, and which is now facing increasingly contested waters. Yet the R.P. doesn't have a lot of money to throw at the situation. Depending on whose numbers you believe, they spend around $1.8 billion annually on defense.

To put that in perspective, that's roughly the cost of just one new U.S. destroyer at the cheap end of things, and as for the not-cheap end of things, don't even ask. More context: $1.8 billion is less than half of what neighboring Malaysia spends on defense, and it's about one-third of what Thailand spends. The Philippines has a far smaller economy than either of those nations, I'll note.

Anyway, the point is that the Philippines has a lot of waters to look after, but not much money to float a fleet on.

In August, a retired U.S. Coast Guard cutter arrived in Manila Bay. It's now dubbed the BRP *Gregorio Del Pilar* and it's now the largest ship in the Philippine navy. It's a substantial ship, with 3,390 tons of displacement, it pretty much looks like a smallish frigate.

I don't know if this class of ship has a sonar, I've read varying accounts.

Its main weapon is the Otobreda 76-mm cannon (that's about three inches in diameter), and some smaller guns as well. If you get bored this weekend run a Youtube search for the Otobreda 76mm, there are some live-fire videos up there. Come to think of it, I'll post a link at my website for your clicking convenience. The rapid-fire Otobreda makes that stuff at the Last Command Post look a bit dated, eh?

The Hamilton-class cutters can also accommodate a helicopter. Hey, now we're talking!

I've seen accounts that the Philippines might receive more such ships, but I don't know what's really in the works for that.

OK, now for a recent rumor, or at least a story that isn't widely carried, that there's a South Korean Pohang-class corvette being donated to the Philippines.

Now this is a whole different animal than the Hamilton-class cutter, and it's also something new to me, so I'm inclined to dwell on it. After all, the Pohang-class looks like it packs more weapons into less space than anything else I've ever seen, or even read about.

First of all, we're talking a very small ship here. About 1,220 tons. Tiny. Such is the domain of corvettes; they are small, and, in fact, the U.S. Navy doesn't even use them. But, second of all, these little fellows are loaded to the gills with weapons, including either Harpoon or Exocet cruise missiles, and most have two (two!) of those Otobreda 76-mm cannons I just told you about, and they also tote six Mark 46 torpedoes, and the Mark 46 is no bargain-basement special, by the way, but is instead a very serious piece of hardware.

And I'm not done yet. For close-in sessions with nosy neighbors, there are, depending on the model, either twin 30mm or twin 40mm cannons.

Holy smokes! All of that is packed into a vessel smaller than most fishing boats I've worked on.

They also employ hull-mounted sonar for anti-submarine operations. And, speaking of subs, it was allegedly a North Korean submarine that sunk a Pohang-class corvette, the Cheonan, in March of last year.

How does this floating arms bazaar even move? They stuffed a giant LM2500 jet engine in it, that's how. Anyway, though I don't really know anything about these tiny ships, they speak to me: They're all muscle, and all business.

That's the kind of thing you'd expect from the Koreans, whose warship engineering tradition dates back to the late 1500's. Yes, really.

Alas, we'll just have to see if this Pohang-class donation rumor is true.

Such is my regularly irregular look at our region's emerging military situation. So our virtual voyage is over. I'll take off my plastic eye-patch now, and I'll offer a barrel of grog to the entire crew, even to landlubbers and scalawags.

As brutal austerity slides in

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
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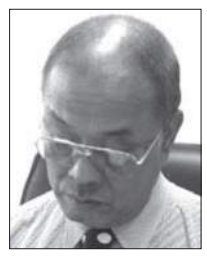

The current fiscal year's budget has reverted to the 1990s level. We yawn and stare at the wall as the magma of brutal austerity heads our way (not an option) triggered by troubling revenue degeneration.

I've kept my ears to the ground listening to the simple but grinding experiences of folks with unemployment. I've listened to the unbearable decibels of their sighs in the wake of home foreclosures, a parade of losses, i.e., family car, utility disconnection, and other family obligations. These are issues they could no longer fathom. It's a painful, grinding experience no matter how you splice or dice it.

Just last week, more than 16 families saw their first family home foreclosed. Many more are headed into the filthy swamp of home foreclosures as a direct result of abject poverty as jobs are axed or salaries are cut prompted by brutal austerity measure. It's really chaotic for most of these folks who've seen their prized possession—first family home—shut and bolted.

Families where both parents are jobless have to endure court appearance for failure to pay utilities and other obligations. A spouse, when asked how he plans to pay for future use of utility, said, "I can't pay for future use because I don't have power since two years ago."

It isn't only joblessness that knocked this family out of normal familial settings; it has also sent them into the hopelessness arena. Strengthening the tradition of homeownership shifted into total loss. It's gone and so there's an increase of rooming-up with mom and dad once more, siblings and relatives.

What's the message of such dire familial straits?

Leadership has failed these families royally for being woefully short on "wealth and jobs" creation. It eventually translates into joblessness that resulted in the loss of everything for families who were once gainfully employed, productive, and contributing members of our community. I thank divine providence for the food stamps program that provides sustenance to these families. It's a temporary cushion as they work each day to improve their lot. Most may be faltering in hopelessness, but each day they work up the resolve to get out of rut of economic slavery.

In a short while, we shall see brutal austerity imposed without choice. This is where fairness comes into play, i.e., who stays and who goes out the door or fired. Would nepotism and cronyism kick in equally too? It's a difficult feat politicians must decide upon. The floodgates of revenue generation had been slammed open, what's left in revenues rushing out into deeper southern water beyond comprehension of critically nimble minds. Or maybe, we could even see this year's fiscal budget level revert to the eighties. *No fun dios mihu!*

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Working the farmland daily

Working his family farmland for over 40 years, Tun Jose consistently sits by his small table at a corner of the farmhouse, meticulously reviewing the success or failure of plants he's grown over the last year. He critically looks at specific veggies, issues with it from infestation to fertilizers, amount of water, etc. and remedies he could take when he next plants them.

The next day he goes out plowing over already harvested plants, waits for several days before he brings in the disc to level the entire field. He comes by several more times turning over dirt and plowed foliage. After a month or so, he fertilizes it before turning it over for the last time. At the small hut topped with green plastic and wired with hose, he prepares seed flats with soil and selects his prized seeds for planting.

He memorizes the season, rainy or drought conditions, times transplanting newly grown veggies from the seed flat to the open field. He has put in place an irrigation system that he uses to water his plants per schedule so doesn't drown them. He observes the transplanted seedlings to see if they need water or fertilizer. In between his garden and errands, he keeps a healthy livestock of a limited number of cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, and goats at another section of the farm. He raises them to aid the family dietary needs.

So what's so special about Tun Jose and his farm? He plans his days and works industriously and consistently to accomplish fully thought-out plans. We'd all do well too if we plan our days like Tun Jose who keeps at it come hell or high water.

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Adios to foreign investors

Someone once said of prized possessions, "We never know what we have until we lose it." Like foreign capital that was flushed out of our floodgate, it's gone and it will take years before we could regain the confidence of investors, if at all.

Two major investments have fizzled out, one in Marpi, the other on Tinian. It mirrors the difficulty of securing investment funds at home. But then who would dare invest in an environment where the only certainty of investment is uncertainty? Who would want to venture into the NMI when in the focus is on China and rallies by economies of scale to make a killing? Furthermore, we don't even know what we've lost and treat this negligence as though it is inconsequential. Nah! This mañana attitude must change once and for all.

It's time to study it with critical eyes. And if you're not sure of it, please step aside and let those who know their material work the clock to uplift current apocalyptic abject poverty!

Letters to the Editor

Let it come

GTA should be allowed to open up and do business in the CNMI. As consumers, we need more choices when it comes to cellular, Internet, telephone, and cable services. Competition is healthy and will benefit the CNMI. IT&E does business in Guam and GTA should also be allowed to do business in the CNMI. GTA will provide much needed jobs for NMI residents. The CNMI encourages free enterprise and should allow GTA to open for business in the CNMI.

Antonio Aldan
Kagman, Saipan

Sorry

Dear Mr. Daniel Sasakura: I am writing this letter of apology for the wrongful doing with trespassing into your property and taking your belongings (copper wire) without asking and your approval. I am asking for your forgiveness for the things I did to you. I do hope that you can find it in your heart to forgive me for my mistakes. I am truly sorry, and I will never do it again. I know what I did was wrong but because I needed money to help my family and things I needed for myself, I committed a crime. I was desperate and in need of money since I was not working and I was trying my best to get a job and no one can hire me. Again, I am truly sorry. The court ordered me to write this apology letter and repay you back what I owe you. I will try my very best to repay you for all the damage I cost you. In this, thank you for your understanding and hope that you'll forgive me.

Steve B. Cabrera
Songsong, Rota

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swer is that they wanted to be really, really sure it was true.

The other question: What is this antigravity force, anyway? Theoretical physicists call it dark energy, but do they have ideas about what it actually is, how it works? Plenty, but are they convincing? "Well, no," Riess said in a telephone interview last week. "They really aren't."

Another Nobel awaits whoever figures that one out.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲84	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲62	▼54
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼51
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲83	▼75
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲84	▼75
London	Sunny	▲61	▼46
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼59
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲71	▼55
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼75
New York	Thundershowers	▲72	▼55
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲76	▼66
Paris	Sunny	▲60	▼40
Pusan	Sunny	▲73	▼60
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲76	▼49
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼45
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼66
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Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲76	▼69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲70	▼54

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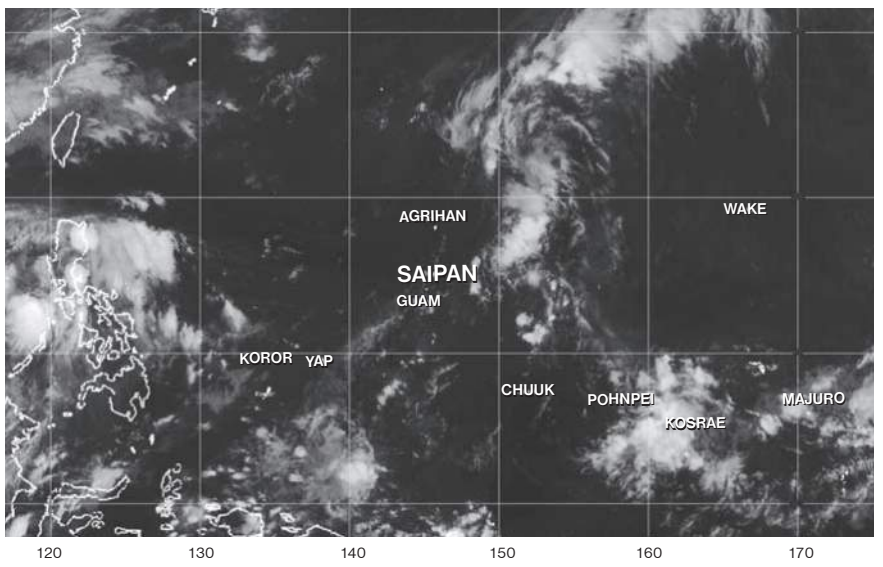

PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from a weak circulation centered near the equator at 2N144E to another circulation centered north of Chuuk at 11N154E then curves northwestward to beyond 25N at 150E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are seen near the first circulation south of Yap between the equator and 5N from 136E to 142E and also southwest of Chuuk within 75 miles of a line from 8N144E to 1N148E. Similar weather also exists near the second circulation north of Chuuk between 9N and 14N from 151E to 159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found farther north near the trough from east of the Northern CNMI to Minami Torishima within 175 miles of a line from 16N150E to 25N154E. A trade-wind disturbance is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms east of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 11N160E to 6N163E and also over Kosrae between 1N and 5N from 159E to 170E. Trade-wind convergence is coupling with upper-level divergence to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over much of the Marshall Islands within 100 miles of a line from 9N167E to 5N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

2:44 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet
9:17 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
3:05 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet
8:10 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Saturday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Sunday	6:09 AM	5:57 PM
Monday	6:09 AM	5:56 PM
Tuesday	6:09 AM	5:55 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	7:15 PM	7:34 AM
Saturday	8:00 PM	8:24 AM
Sunday	8:47 PM	9:15 AM
Monday	9:38 PM	10:05 AM
Tuesday	10:30 PM	10:56 AM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
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C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

10 beach sites red-flagged

The Division of Environment Quality has red-flagged eight beach sites on Saipan and two on Rota and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

The affected Saipan beaches are adjacent to the Tanapag Meeting Hall, DPW channel bridge, south Puerto Rico dump, American Memorial Park drainage, Micro Beach, Hafa-Adai Hotel, Garapan Fishing Dock, and Sugar Dock. The affected sites on Rota are the Rota West Harbor Marina and the Swimming Hole.

DEQ said that samples collected from these locations had excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Water samples were taken from 38 locations on Saipan and 12 locations on Rota this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

WEDDED BLISS

Happy wedding anniversary to Bert and Marites Mendoza! Wishing you more happy years together. We miss you. Greetings come from your family and friends from the U.S., Australia, the Philippines, Canada, and Hong Kong.

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Library Friends meeting tomorrow

It is time once again to have a Library Friends meeting. If you know of anyone that is interested, please encourage them to come to the meeting on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, at 11am, at the Joeten Kiyu Public Library in the annex room across the IT center. More people in attendance means more chances of electing a new board. There are a lot of grants out there that we qualify for but cannot apply until such time as we have all officer positions filled. ***(PR)***

CRA president on *Marianas Agupa*

Tomorrow, Oct. 15, 2011, *Marianas Agupa* will feature Lorenzo Cabrera, president of the Commonwealth Retirees Association, between 10am and 10:30am. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3FM. The discussion will be on the newly enacted derivative law and other issues to protect the retirees, including the proposed legislative initiative to float a pension obligation bond.

The Chamorro radio talk show is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are: World report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos and a report from Rota by Thomas D. Mendiola, a special segment called Hafa Mohon with Juanita Mendiola and a report from Tinian by former senator David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. ***(PR)***

Deadline for Sengebau poetry contest

The 8th Annual Sengebau Poetry Competition will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theatre. The competition was re-scheduled to take place during CNMI Humanities Month. Participating students and schools are asked to confirm their involvement by Friday, Oct. 21, 2011. For more information, contact Merced Ada at 235-4785 or mada@pticom.com. ***(PR)***

MLSC sets parole-in-place workshops

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. has already held the parole-in-place workshop for immediate relatives of Freely Associated States citizens. Those who didn't attend can pick up the folder with forms at its office in Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan.

MLSC will be having a parole-in-place workshop for IRs of U.S. citizens on Saipan on Oct. 16, 2011, Sunday, at 1pm at American Memorial Park.

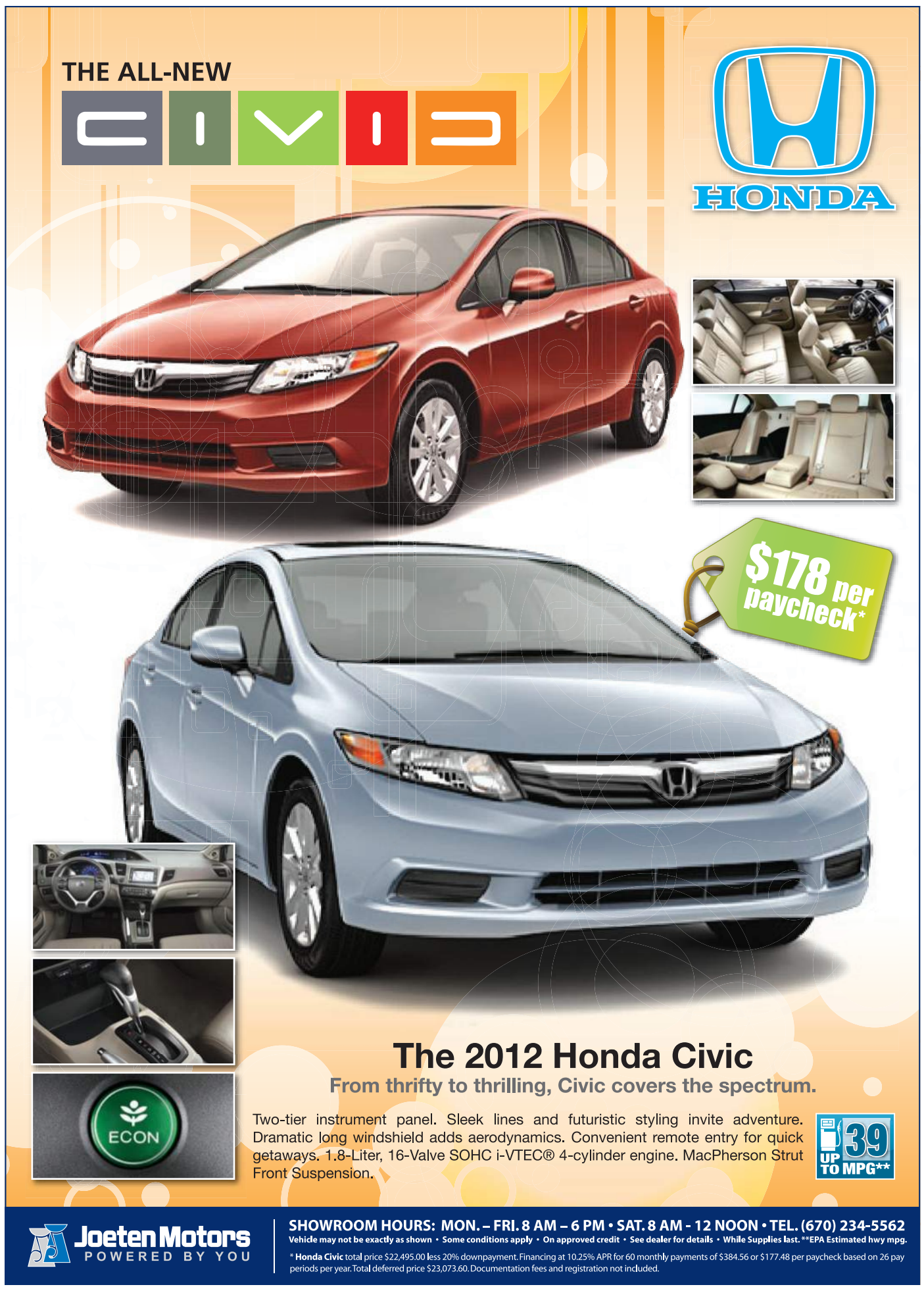
They will also be holding a similar workshop on Tinian today, Oc t. 14, 2011, Tinian Elementary School at 3pm.

They will have a final parole-in-place workshop for CNMI permanent residents and for those born between 1974 and 1978 on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 1pm at American Memorial Park.

There is no charge for these workshops. However, space is limited and when the auditorium is full, the doors will be closed. Please do not bring minor children to the workshops. Please do not leave minor children unattended in the Park, museum or gift shop or at the Rota or Tinian venues. ***(MLSC)***

Auditions today for *Treasure Island*

TWPI will hold cast auditions for *Treasure Island*, an adaptation by Phil Willmott of the classic novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. Auditions are scheduled today, Oct. 14, 2011, at 4pm at T building, MHS. All students in grades 6 through 12 are invited to audition. The play is set in 1772 and starts in England. We need pirates for the trip to tropical Treasure Island... aargh! ***(PR)***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Red Cross provides free external defibrillators and training

The Division of Sports and Recreation and the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa recently received automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, from the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter.

"Having the AED around our facilities makes us and visitors feel safer," said Joseph Attao, Sports and Recreation director. "If somebody has a heart attack, at least we have the equipment available to try and help them."

About 10,000 athletes and spectators use the facilities at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium on a yearly basis, Attao said.

Members of the Chalan Kanoa Diocese also expressed gratitude in receiving the life-saving device.

"The AED will be a big help in case of an emergency," said Fr. Ryan Jimenez, the apostolic administrator for the diocese. "Parishioners at large will also feel good that we now have the AED device."

With its daily and weekend worship services, plus other church events like weddings and funerals, the church has thousands of people that use its facilities throughout the year, Jimenez said.

The Red Cross was able to donate the AEDs through a grant made possible by the Larry L. Hillblom Foundation.

"We would like to get as many AEDs out into the community as possible," said NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh. "There are several AEDs around the island that are available to the public to use in the event of an emergency."

Heart attacks continue to be one of the leading causes of death in both men and women in the U.S. As part of its mission, the Red Cross trains people to prepare and respond to emergencies. AED training programs are one of the many courses offered to the community by the Red Cross.

For more information about the Red Cross or its health and safety program, call the chapter at 234-3459. ***(ARC)***

ARC-NMI CHAPTER

Division of Sports and Recreation staff John Reyes, left, and Joseph Attao, right, take a photo with American Red Cross employee Kennedy Benjamin at the Ada Gym on Thursday, Oct. 6, shortly after the installation of an automated external defibrillator, or AED. The AED, which increases a person's chance of survival during a heart attack, was donated to the facility through a grant from the Larry L. Hillblom Foundation.

ARC-NMI CHAPTER

Members of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa and the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter take a photo in the Mount Carmel Cathedral, Tuesday, Oct. 11, after installing an automated external defibrillator. From left are ARC board of directors' Viola Sablan, diocese members Marites Villanueva, Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Sister Ma. Estela Altea, ARC BoD Tayna Camacho, and ARC Service Delivery Manager Kennedy Benjamin.

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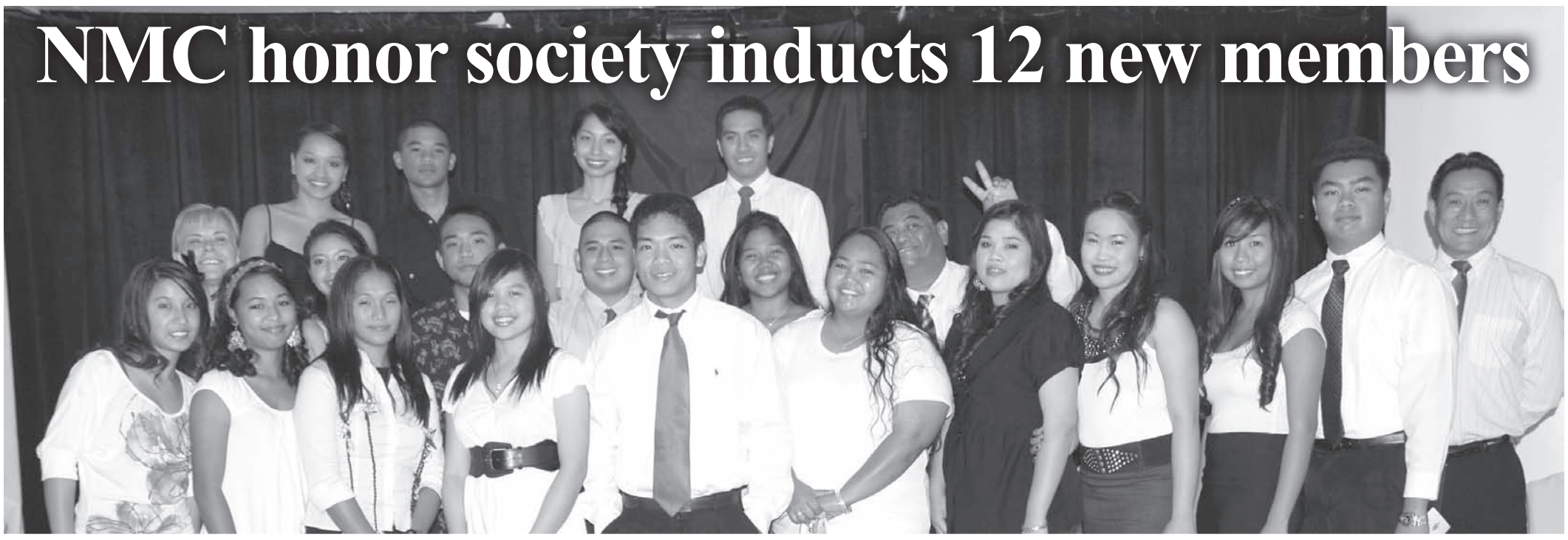

NMC Phi Theta Kappa Fall 2011 inductees, members, ASNMC senator Eldred Sanchez, adviser Larry Lee, and NMC president Sharon Hart following their recent induction ceremony. NMC

The Northern Marianas College Beta Lambda Psi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society celebrated the induction of 12 new members into the Society on Saturday, Oct. 1. Family, friends, NMC president Sharon Hart, ASNMC senator Eldred Sanchez, faculty, and PTK members joined in the festivities at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret to honor the new inductees.

In order to qualify for membership in Phi Theta Kappa, students must distinguish themselves by maintaining a 3.5 cumulative grade point average, in addition to serving and contributing to the Commonwealth through various community service and leadership activities. The 13 newest full members include students from the business, hospitality management, education, and liberal arts majors: Keolester Buenpacifico, Lawrence Camacho, Antonette Castro, Garraine Cepeda, Kristine Dequito, Maria Hernandez, Lauren Jardinero, Derek Leung, Louie Nigh, Jerome Ocampo, and Davilyn Santos. Also welcomed into the chapter was one new provisional member, Shane Golingo.

The induction ceremony was carried out by the current PTK officers: president Elowena Camacho, Vice President Dyenina Diaz, recording secretary Beatrice Mesngon, membership secretary Robert Deleon Guerrero, treasurer Joserin Mendiola, and faculty adviser Larry Lee.

Hart, the keynote speaker for the event, inspired the audience with a very motivating keynote address. The induction ceremony was followed by a buffet dinner.

An international organization, Phi Theta Kappa has recognized academic excellence, leadership, and service in two-year colleges since 1918. It is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in the 50 United States, U.S. territories, Canada, and Germany. Phi Theta Kappa's mission is two-fold: (1) to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students; and (2) to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming.

For additional information about the NMC chapter, its membership, or activities, contact chapter president Camacho, or adviser Lee for further information. *(NMC)*

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

ESTATE OF SEGUNDO DLC. CASTRO, LEE Q. CASTRO, and VIRGINA Q. CASTRO,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 05-0246B

NOTICE OF SECOND AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virginia Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the following described, real property situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Fee simple land situated in San Jose Village, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, known as **Lot No. 002 T 03** (Formerly Block 1, Lot 3) as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat No. 002 T 00, dated August 20, 1969, and containing an area of 1,367 square meters, more or less, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

1. **Minimum Bid. No minimum opening bid.**
2. Reserve. The auction shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands governing auctions with reserve, auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction:
   a) To withdraw the property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted;
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject, on behalf of the seller, any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in wiritng, or by telephone to Manuel A. Sablan, Executive Director, Commonwealth Development Authority, P.O. Box 502149, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7145, Fax 235-7147; or to F. Matthew Smith, P.O. Box 501127, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check or credit card. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will revert to CDA.
6. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and CDA reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. **Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact CDA for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of Estate of Segundo DLC. Castro, Virgina Q. Castro and Lee Q. Castro in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty, and subject to the redemption laws of the CNMI. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.**

Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

Note: CDA accepts Visa and MC only. A 2% processing fee will be charged on credit card payments.

Legal Description	Lot 002 T 03
Land Area	1,367 square meters
Location	San Jose Village, Tinian, Saipan
CDA Rights Appraised	Fee Simple Interest
Utilities Available	Electric power, city water, telephone, TV cable
Market Value	$113,000

COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,
Plaintiff,

vs.

FELIPE Q. ATALIG, individually and dba CASA DE FELIPE, and ELVIRA CUSTODIO ATALIG,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04-0242B

NOTICE OF THIRD AUCTION

The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, hereinafter referred to as auctioneer, and the Development Corporation Division of the Commonwealth Development Authority, hereinafter referred to as CDA, hereby give notice that all of the right, title, and interest of the Defendants Felipe Q. Atalig, individually and dba Casa de Felipe, and Elvira Custodio Atalig in the following described, real property situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI will be sold at an auction:

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R2-3**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith;

and

Real estate mortgage on **Tract No. 21769-R4**, situated in Ginalayan, Rota, CNMI, containing an area of 900 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Subdivision Survey Plat of Tract 21769-R2, DLS Check No. 3007/95, recorded as File No. 95-841, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on April 05, 1995, including all improvements, appurtenances and easements therewith.

The auction sale will be open to the general public and will be held at CDA's Conference Room, Saipan, at **2:00 p.m., on Friday, October 21, 2011**, subject to the following announced terms and conditions:

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Dated this 22nd day of September 2011.

/S/ RAMON C. MAFNAS, Commissioner
Department of Public Safety

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Tracts 21769-R2-4,
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Tract 21769-R2-3,
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Appraised 2009:$2,800.00
Area:900 sqm

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Commonwealth Superior Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, pursuant to a Court Order deciding a Disciplinary Action involving Roman Demapan, hereby publicly reprimands Roman Demapan of Saipan for engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

Please take further notice that Roman Demapan is prohibited by Order of this Court from any further unauthorized practice of law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTCE that the file and order of this matter are now of public record.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL R. MUNA and MINA L. MUNA,
Defendants.

Civil Action No. 11-0078-CV

AMENDED SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT MINA L. MUNA:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 28th day of July, 2011.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

DCCA chief raises issues with NMI's inclusion in SNAP

First phase of the cross island road project nearly complete

The first phase of the Cross Island Road Improvement Project, which begins near the San Vicente-Dandan intersection and ends at the CUC Super Blue Tank in Papago, is about 87 percent complete, according to a Department of Public Works statement yesterday.

The remaining major items of work consist of the application of anti-skid coat, permanent traffic control devices, including pavement making and signs, and activation of the signalized intersection in San Vicente, DPW said.

The only major item of work impacting the completion schedule is the acceptance by DPW of the anti-skid material to be applied by the contractor, Hawaiian Rock Products.

"DPW is working together with all parties to ensure that only acceptable materials are provided and placed throughout our roads. The contractor is expected to meet the project specifications and apply anti-skid coat within the next two weeks, thereafter, the traffic signal at the new intersection can then be activated," the statement said.

Barring any major weather events or unforeseen circumstances, Hawaiian Rock Products is expected to complete the installation of lane markers and road signs by the latter part of November.

The construction is being managed by Hofschneider Engineering, LLC for the Department of Public Works. Funding for this project comes from the U.S. Federal Highway Administration.

"For your safety, the DPW reminds the public to take extra precaution when entering the construction zone and adhere to the posted construction speed limit signs and temporary traffic control measures. We apologize for the inconvenience during the construction progress as we work to improve our island," DPW stated. ***(DPW)***

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

A preliminary comparative report between the current Nutrition Assistance Program in the Commonwealth and the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program showed that legal immigrants will become eligible to receive benefits from the CNMI's inclusion in the national food stamp program.

The report, prepared by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs and submitted to Senate President Paul A. Manglona, showed that since eligibility for SNAP "is based on financial and non-financial factors," legal immigrants who have legally resided in the U.S. for at least five years—including "children or disabled"—will be able to receive food stamp benefits.

"This means that these people [legal immigrants residing in U.S. for five years or more] would be eligible to receive food stamp. Is this something we're willing to undertake?" asked DCCA Secretary Melvin Faisao to Manglona.

Faisao

Additionally, the report also showed what the Fitial administration had argued since talks about the islands' inclusion in the national food stamp program began: that the local government will have to shoulder half of the total administrative costs in contrast to the current program which is "100 percent federally funded."

"We are uncertain at this time to how and where to get the adequate local funding to support the implementation of an enormously expensive Eligibility System which can interface with the Electronic Benefit Transfer System and build the infrastructure necessary for the implementation of SNAP at this time of economic challenge," wrote Faisao.

Inclusion in the national program would also result to the increase in maximum gross monthly income per household based on size to meet national levels. For example, the current maximum gross monthly income for a household of four in the CNMI is $933. For the 48 states, D.C., Guam, and Virgin Islands, maximum income is $2,422.

The requirement in the local program to set aside 30 percent of monthly benefits to purchase locally produced commodities will also be removed with the inclusion to the SNAP since no such requirement exists under the national program.

Faisao also noted that state reporting requirements under SNAP "are more complex" compared to the existing requirements in the local program.

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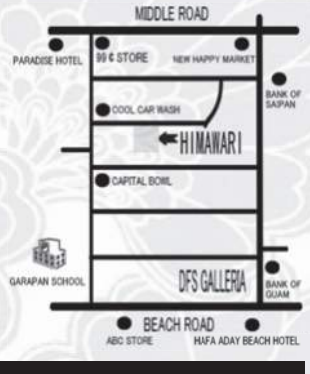

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Business

BlackBerry outages spread to North America

NEW YORK (AP)—BlackBerry users across the world were exasperated Wednesday as an outage of email, messaging and Internet services on the phones spread to the U.S. and Canada and stretched into the third day for Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

It was the biggest outage in years for BlackBerry users, and strained their relationship with an already tarnished brand. It came on the eve of the launch of a mighty competitor—a new iPhone model.

Research In Motion Ltd., the Canadian company that makes the phones, said a crucial link in its European infrastructure failed Monday, and a backup didn't work either. The underlying problem has been fixed, but a backlog of emails and messages has built up that the company has yet to work down.

Meanwhile, emails and messages from other regions to Europe were piling up in RIM's systems in the rest of the world, like letters clogging a mailbox. That caused the outages in the U.S. and Asia, said David Yach, RIM's chief technology officer for software.

In a letter posted Wednesday on RIM's website Robin Bienfait, RIM's chief information officer, apologized for service interruptions and delays. She said email systems are operating around the world and they are continuing to clear any backlogged messages.

"You've depended on us for reliable, real-time communications, and right now we're letting you down," Bienfait said. "We believe we understand why this happened and we are working to restore normal service levels in all markets as quickly as we can."

At Zenprise Inc., a Fremont, Calif., firm that helps companies manage BlackBerrys issued to employees, vice president Ahmed Datoo said emails started piling up on U.S. servers shortly after midnight. By morning, the congestion was heavy enough at a particular client company to delay all email for BlackBerrys. The pileup started to ease in the afternoon.

RIM is already struggling with delays in getting new phones out, a tablet that's been a dud and shares that are approaching a five-year low. In the latest quarter, it sold 10.6 million phones, down from 12.1 million the same period last year.

The duration of the latest outage could force large businesses to rethink their use of BlackBerrys, said Gartner analyst Carolina Milanesi. Many of them have stuck with the phones because of the quality and efficiency of its email system, but that's now in question, she said.

Consumers are having second thoughts too. Andrew Mills, a child abuse investigator for the state of Arkansas, said he'd been thinking of getting some other smartphone for a while, and the outage was the "nail in the coffin" for him.

Next moves uncertain on Obama jobs bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama and his Democratic allies in the Senate promise additional votes on pieces of the president's $447 billion jobs bill, but how those pieces might be arranged and when the votes might be taken is up in the air.

Instead of immediate votes on more jobs legislation, the Senate is turning to long-stalled spending legislation and then is going on recess at the end of next week.

The jobs package died Tuesday at the hands of Senate Republicans, but Obama and his Senate Democratic supporters promise to force votes on items such as infrastructure spending, jobless assistance, aid to local governments, and tax cuts for individuals and businesses that were major parts of the massive bill. Obama's top ally in the Senate says it's unclear which items will get votes.

"I'm not positive at this time what piece of the president's bill we're going to do," Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said.

Instead Reid said the chamber will first debate a bundle of appropriations bills setting next year's budgets for the departments of Commerce, Agriculture, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development. That's likely to consume next week. And with the chamber taking a vacation at the end of the month, it appears that it'll be November at the earliest before any pieces of Obama's jobs package get a re-vote.

Obama, in his first, combative appearance since Republicans and a two Democrats filibustered his jobs plan to death, promised to keep the pressure on Congress.

"Now a lot of folks in Washington and the media will look at last night's vote and say, `Well, that's it. Let's move on to the next fight.' But I've got news for them: Not this time. Not with so many Americans out of work," he said at a White House event Wednesday recognizing Latino contributions to American history.

Congress passes 3 free trade agreements

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress approved free trade agreements Wednesday with South Korea, Colombia and Panama, ending a four-year drought in the forming of new trade partnerships and giving the White House and Capitol Hill the opportunity to show they can work together to stimulate the economy and put people back to work. In rapid succession, the House and Senate voted on the three trade pacts, which the administration says could boost exports by $13 billion and support tens of thousands of American jobs. None of the votes were close, despite opposition from labor groups and other critics of free trade agreements who say they result in job losses and ignore labor rights problems in the partner countries.

"We don't do much around here that's bipartisan these days," said Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, who was U.S. Trade Representative during the George W. Bush administration. "This is an example of where we can come together as Republicans and Democrats realizing that with 14 million Americans out of work, we need to do things to move our economy forward."

President Barack Obama said passage of the agreements was "a major win for American workers and businesses."

"Tonight's vote, with bipartisan support, will significantly boost exports that bear the proud label `Made in America,' support tens of thousands of good-paying American jobs and protect labor rights, the environment and intellectual property. ... I look forward to signing these agreements."

The agreements would lower or eliminate tariffs that American exporters face in the three countries. They also take steps to better protect intellectual property and improve access for American investors in those countries. The last free trade agreement completed was with Peru in 2007.

The House also passed and sent to Obama for his signature a bill to extend aid to workers displaced by foreign competition. Obama had demanded that the worker aid bill be part of the trade package.

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One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted by hand or courier in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFEI-12-001" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, Room No.4, 3rd Floor Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on December 16, 2011 (ChST). Late submission will not be considered.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to an Order issued by this Court on August 29, 2011, in which the undersigned was Ordered to levy, execute and sell, in accordance with law, a parcel of real property, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, Defendants' interest in and to the following real property situated in Fina Sisu Village along side Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as described below.

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Nation

Eight killed in SoCal salon shooting

AP

Police officers stand with a man who was being held in a patrol car at the scene of the arrest of a suspect near the Salon Meritage in Seal Beach, Calif., where a shooting left six people dead and three critically injured Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011.

SEAL BEACH, Calif. (AP)—A gunman opened fire Wednesday in a busy hair salon, killing eight people and critically wounding another while leaving bodies scattered throughout the business in a normally sedate Southern California beach community.

The gunman got into a truck and drove away from Salon Meritage after opening fire. A suspect was stopped by officers about a half-mile away and surrendered without incident while saying he had multiple weapons with him, police Sgt. Steve Bowles said.

His name and those of the victims were not immediately released.

Friends of the salon owner said the gunman was the ex-husband of a stylist who worked there. Bowles would only say, "There may be something to the motive as to a relationship with somebody in the salon, that is our assumption." He declined to elaborate later.

Kimberly Criswell, who owns a salon just two doors down from the scene of the shootings, said she and her customers and employees heard gunshots, and her receptionist saw a man through a window as he was shot in a parking lot.

"There was like a pop, pop and my receptionist screamed, `he just shot that man' and we all ran into the bathroom and locked the door,'" Criswell said.

Glenn Zachman, who owns a video news-gathering service, said he arrived at the scene of the arrest shortly after police and saw they had placed plastic bags over the man's hands to preserve possible gunshot residue.

He also saw a bulletproof vest on the back of a patrol car but didn't know if the man, dressed in a button-down shirt and pants, had been wearing it.

The man, in handcuffs, being placed in a patrol car and taken away about two-and-a-half hours after the shooting. A new white pickup truck that was believed to be his was parked on the modest residential street with its doors open.

The suspect was cooperative when officers, working from a description of the shooter, stopped him near the salon, Bowles said.

Shortly after the alleged shooter was arrested, police arrived at a house on Melody Lane in nearby Huntington Beach and escorted two women to a white car and then roped off the house with crime scene tape. Neighbors identified photos of the alleged shooter as their neighbor Scott. The house is registered to Scott Dekraai, and one of the licensed cosmetologists at the salon address was Michelle Dekraai.

Serious but amateurish: US describes Iranian plot

WASHINGTON (AP)—The alleged Iranian plot against the Saudi ambassador to Washington was "amateur hour," an unusually clumsy operation for Iran's elite foreign action unit, the Quds Force, U.S. officials said Wednesday as further stranger-than-fiction details emerged of the assassination gone wrong.

The Iranians' would-be covert operative turned to a woman he met while working as a used car dealer, hoping to find a Mexican drug dealer-assassin, and wound up with an American informant instead, according to two U.S. law enforcement officials.

Other U.S. officials said Manssor Arbabsiar made further mistakes, including arranging a pay-off for the attack in an easily traceable way.

They attributed the missteps to Iran's relative inexperience carrying out covert operations in the United States and Mexico.

They said the U.S. believes the planned attack on the Saudi ambassador was conceived in part as proof that such an operation could be carried off. Then, perhaps, Iran would have followed up with a series of attacks against other embassies in the U.S. and in Argentina, officials said.

All of the officials requested anonymity in order to provide details from classified analyses and an active criminal case.

In public remarks, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke Wednesday of a "dangerous escalation" of what the U.S. claims is an Iranian pattern of franchising terror abroad.

"We will work closely with our international partners to increase Iran's isolation and the pressure on its government and we call upon other nations to join us in condemning this threat to international peace and security," Clinton said at a Washington conference.

Her words strongly suggested that the U.S. wants some new action against Iran from the U.N. Security Council, which has already approved several rounds of mild to moderate sanctions on Iran over its disputed nuclear program.

ACROSS THE NATION

Nigerian man pleads guilty in underwear bomb plot

DETROIT (AP)—A Nigerian man pleaded guilty Wednesday to trying to bring down a jetliner with a bomb in his underwear, defiantly telling a federal judge that he acted in retaliation for the killing of Muslims worldwide and referring to the failed explosive as a "blessed weapon." Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who acknowledged working for al-Qaida and never denied the allegations, entered the plea against his attorney's advice on the second day of his trial. He stands to get a mandatory life sentence for the 2009 attack that aimed to kill nearly 300 people on Christmas Day in the skies above Detroit. Abdulmutallab calmly answered the judge's questions and read a political statement warning that if the United States continues "to persist and promote the blasphemy of Muhammad and the prophets," it risks "a great calamity ... through the hands of the mujahedeen soon."

5 men arraigned in Ohio Amish beard-cuttings

MILLERSBURG, Ohio (AP)—Five men suspected of forcefully cutting the beards of fellow Amish have been arraigned in an Ohio courtroom and released on $50,000 bonds. *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reports that Levi Miller, Johnny Mullet, Lester Mullet and two other men were in Holmes County Municipal Court on Wednesday on kidnapping and burglary charges. Prosecutor Steve Knowling tells the newspaper the leader of their group, Sam Mullet, posted bail. Jail personnel say Mullet would have paid cash or at least 10 percent to a bonding agent. The sheriff says men entered a home Oct. 3 and used scissors and clippers to cut the beards of the bishop of another community and his son. Amish beards carry spiritual significance. Mullet says beard-cuttings are in response to criticism from other Amish leaders about his practices.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

United States Air Force

The U.S. Air Force will host open house public scoping meetings on the islands of Guam, Saipan, Tinian, and Rota to discuss the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is being prepared for improving an existing airfield on U.S. territory in proximity of the Philippine Sea. The proposed airfield improvements would be designed to provide the additional divert capability when necessary for sustained military aircraft operations, including joint training exercises, humanitarian assistance activities, and disaster relief operations for northeast Asia. The U.S. Air Force proposes to develop and construct facilities and infrastructure to support up to one aircraft squadron and its approximately 500 support personnel for periodic exercises, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. The U.S. Air Force intends to meet its mission needs through improvement of an existing airfield in the Mariana Islands region.

The public is encouraged to attend the open house EIS scoping meetings, which will be held at the following dates, times, and locations:

1. Thursday, October 13, 2011 - Barrigada Mayor's Office, Barrigada, Guam, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
2. Friday, October 14, 2011 - Dededo Mayor's Office/Senior Center, Dededo, Guam, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
3. Monday, October 17, 2011 - Saipan Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
4. Tuesday, October 18, 2011 - Tinian Elementary School, San Jose Village, Tinian, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
5. Thursday, October 20, 2011 - Sinapalo Elementary School Rota, Sinapalo Village, Rota, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Federal agencies, government of Guam agencies, government of Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) agencies, the public, and other interested parties are encouraged to provide verbal and/or written comments to the U.S. Air Force to identify specific issues or topics for consideration in the EIS. Verbal and/or written comments may be submitted at the public meetings. Interested agencies, individuals, and groups unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to provide written comments postmarked no later than November 10, 2011.

Mail comments to:

Capt Kimberly Bender, PACAF/PA
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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, HI 96853
ATTN: PACAF Divert Marianas EIS

In addition, scoping comments will be accepted via telephone voice recording system by dialing 1-855-200-6734, and via the project website at:

www.PACAFDivertMarianasEIS.com

Asia

Philippines says no state honors for Marcos burial

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president said Wednesday it would be unjust to allow Ferdinand Marcos to be buried with state honors when thousands of human rights victims during the former dictator's reign have never received any government apology.

Marcos died over 20 years ago in exile after being ousted in a 1986 "people power" revolt. His body has been displayed in a glass coffin in his northern Philippine hometown of Batac in Ilocos Norte province since 1993.

His widow, Imelda, has long pushed for his burial in the Manila heroes' cemetery, which is reserved for presidents, soldiers, statesmen and national artists. She is opposed by pro-democracy and left-wing groups, who say the late dictator committed massive human rights violations and plundered the nation's coffers during his two-decade rule.

In response to a question at a news conference Wednesday, President Benigno Aquino III said no burial with state honors would happen "under my watch."

AP

Philippine President Benigno Aquino III reacts as he answers questions during a forum with Foreign Correspondents Association of the Philippines at the financial district of Makati, south of Manila, Philippines, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011.

His decision goes against his vice president's recommendation that Marcos be at least given military honors if he's to be buried in his northern hometown and not at the national heroes' cemetery.

The military said it would follow Aquino's decision and withhold burial honors from Marcos.

"We have so many victims of the martial law years who have not gotten even a recognition formally from our government that they were victims," Aquino said. "It really would be, I think, the height of injustice to render any honors to the person who was the direct mastermind of all of these sufferings."

The dictator's son and namesake, Sen. Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr., criticized Aquino's decision, saying the president ignored the vice president's recommendation and a resolution by the House of Representatives in March for the government to bestow burial honors on his father.

"I was surprised because all these talks, discussions and debates turned out to be just a stage play," Marcos told reporters. "He has wasted a very good opportunity to unify the nation."

US missile kills Haqqani commander in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—An American missile strike killed a ranking member of the militant Haqqani network Thursday in northwestern Pakistan, increasing pressure on one of the deadliest factions fighting U.S. troops in Afghanistan, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

Two other militants were killed in the attack close to the Haqqani stronghold of Dande Darpa Khel village in North Waziristan, the group's main sanctuary along the Afghan border, said the officials, who were not allowed to speak to the media on the record.

They identified the Haqqani member as Jalil and said he was a "coordinator" for the group. The men were walking down a street when the drone-fired missile hit, the officials said.

The al-Qaida-allied Haqqani network is one of most organized insurgent factions fighting the U.S. presence in Afghanistan, and it has been blamed for high-profile assaults against Western and Afghan targets in the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Washington has long urged Islamabad to attack its fighters, who live undisturbed in North Waziristan despite the region being home to several thousand Pakistani troops.

Last month, senior American officials accused Pakistan's spy agency of assisting the Haqqani network in attacks on Western targets in Afghanistan, including a strike last month on the U.S. Embassy in Kabul.

They were the most serious allegations yet of Pakistani duplicity in the 10-year war in Afghanistan and sent already strained ties between Islamabad and Washington plunging further. Obama administration officials have since backtracked somewhat on the claims, but the Haqqani network remains the key issue in ties between the countries.

Since 2008, the United States has regularly unleashed unmanned drone-fired missiles against militants in the border region of northwestern Pakistan, which is home to Pakistani militants, Afghan factions like the Haqqanis and al-Qaida operatives from around the world, especially the Middle East.

ASIAN BRIEFS

King of Bhutan marries his commoner bride

PUNAKHA, Bhutan (AP)—The beloved king of the tiny Himalayan nation of Bhutan married his commoner bride Thursday in an ancient Buddhist ceremony at the country's most sacred monastery fortress. King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck, wearing the raven crown, came down from his golden throne in front of a huge statue of Buddha to place a smaller, silk brocade crown upon the head of his bride, Jetsun Pema. Monks chanted in celebration as she took her seat beside him as the new queen of the country. The wedding has captivated the nation, which had grown impatient with their 31-year-old bachelor king's lack of urgency to wed. Children composed poems, flight attendants practiced celebratory dances and posters of the couple were nearly ubiquitous.

Officials find small radiation hotspot in Tokyo

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese officials have found a small area in Tokyo with higher levels of radiation than evacuation zones around the Fukushima nuclear plant. Tokyo's Setagaya city's mayor says concerned parents monitoring for radiation asked them to conduct further tests on a roadside spot near a kindergarten. Its radioactivity slightly exceeded that of an area about 25 miles (40 kilometers) from the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. Mayor Nobuto Hosakai says the cause is being investigated. He says rainwater containing radioactive particles had been dripping from the roof of a building by the sidewalk.

Bomb blast kills 6 Afghan police, 1 tribal elder

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—Officials say a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan has killed six police officers and a local tribal elder. The governor's office says in a statement issued Wednesday that a police truck struck the bomb on Tuesday while driving in Kandahar province's Zhari district. Provincial government spokesman Zalmai Ayubi says the police were escorting tribal elder Abdul Wali Khan back to his home from nearby Kandahar city. Ayubi says the bomb appeared to be remotely detonated, and that the police assume Khan was the target. Khan was also on the Zhari district development council.

World

Libya official: No confirmation Gadhafi son caught

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—A Libyan spokesman said Wednesday that revolutionary forces have captured some fighters close to one of Moammar Gadhafi's sons in the fugitive leader's hometown but that he has no information that the son himself has been seized.

Jalal el-Gallal, a spokesman for the National Transitional Council in the eastern city of Benghazi, said his office has called commanders in the besieged city of Sirte and "so far as we are concerned there is no confirmation that Mutassim Gadhafi has been captured."

He was commenting on reports that the son had been seized, which prompted heavy celebratory gunfire in Tripoli and the eastern city of Benghazi.

Anti-Gadhafi fighters have been closing in on armed supporters of the fugitive leader in Sirte, the most important of two major cities yet to be cleared of loyalists more than two months after the fall of Tripoli. Libyan officials have said they believe Mutassim Gadhafi and other high-level former regime figures are hiding in Sirte and that is the reason for the fierce resistance.

Mutassim was Libya's national security adviser and had a strong role in the military and security forces under his father's regime.

Libya's de facto leader, Mustafa Abdul-Jalil, said earlier Wednesday he expected to declare total victory in less than a week, which would pave the way for a new interim government to be named to guide the oil-rich North African nation to elections within eight months.

"I hope that liberation will be declared in less than a week, after we free Sirte, and within less than a month we will form a transitional government and the youth and women will have a role in that," Abdul-Jalil said at a joint news conference with visiting Tunisian Prime Minister Caid Essebsi in Benghazi.

Gadhafi is still on the run and his supporters also hold the desert enclave of Bani Walid. But the transitional leadership says Sirte's capture will give them full control of the country's ports and harbors, allowing them to move forward with efforts to restore normalcy and establish a democracy.

The International Committee of the Red Cross warned that thousands of civilians were still trapped inside Sirte without sufficient food, clean water and other basic necessities. Red Cross staff evacuated 25 war-wounded and other patients, including a newborn baby in its incubator, from the main Ibn Sina hospital in the coastal city on Monday and Tuesday. Few doctors or nurses remained, the Red Cross said in a statement.

Egypt military denies shooting protesters

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt's military rulers blamed Christian protesters and "enemies of the revolution" on Wednesday for triggering the clashes that left 26 dead, almost all of them Christians. The accusation was sure to enflame the fury within and beyond the Christian community over the worst violence since Hosni Mubarak's ouster.

At a lengthy news conference to present their version of the events, generals from the Supreme Council of Armed Forces showed footage of priests and a Coptic Christian activist they accused of "instigating" the violence on Sunday night with calls for demonstrations and storming the state television building. He accused protesters of "savage" attacks on the military. Many of those killed were crushed when armored military vehicles sped through crowds of protesters and ran them over. Other victims had gunshot wounds. The clashes outside the state television building were the worst between the military and protesters in the eight months since Egypt's uprising and has put the ruling generals on the spot.

In front of more than 50 reporters, Maj. Gen. Adel Emara, a member of the ruling council and deputy defense minister, tried to clear the military of any blame in the killings. He denied troops opened fire at protesters, claiming their weapons did not even have live ammunition. He said it was not in "the dictionary of the armed forces to run over bodies ... even when battling our enemy."

Emara said a minority of protesters were peaceful, but a more violent, armed crowd joined the demonstration and began attacking a unit of about 300 soldiers, armed only with anti-riot gear. "I want to bring to your attention that the protesters outside Maspero (state television) had many strange things with them: swords, gas cylinders, firebombs," he said. "This was an indication that this was not a peaceful protest."

WORLD BRIEFS

Jova kills 5 in Mexico, while 2nd storm kills 13

MANZANILLO, Mexico (AP)—Hurricane Jova slammed into Mexico's Pacific coast as a Category 2 storm early Wednesday, killing at least five people and injuring six, while a tropical depression hit farther south and unleashed steady rains that contributed to 13 deaths across the border in Guatemala. Jova came ashore west of the Mexican port of Manzanillo and the beach town of Barra de Navidad before dawn with 100 mph (160 kph) winds and heavy rains, before moving inland and weakening to a tropical depression by afternoon. It continued to dump rain over a large swath of northwest Mexico, including Jalisco state where rainfall this year had been low.

19 held in probe launched after Norway killings

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—A Polish security agency said Wednesday that 19 people have been arrested across the country on suspicion of producing and possessing explosives. The Internal Security Agency said the arrests were part of a wider investigation into the illegal production and sale of explosives that was launched after Norway asked Poland to investigate people with links to mass killer Anders Behring Breivik, who has confessed to two attacks that killed 77 people in July in Norway. The agency said the arrests were also the result of an analysis of a manifesto that Breivik had posted on the Internet.

UK defense chief hit by influence-peddling scandal

LONDON (AP)—Adam Werritty's business card opened doors. He held no position in the British defense department—in fact, none in the government at all. But his card listed him as an adviser to Defense Secretary Liam Fox, and it carried the official crest of Britain's House of Commons. No wonder Werritty, a private citizen, was able to set up business meetings on defense matters in places like Dubai, where his constant access to Fox gave him instant cachet. The arrangement served him well until last week, when opposition politicians started asking pointed questions about possible influence-peddling. The probe has now widened into a more general attack on Fox, including a none-too-subtle media onslaught suggesting he has lied to cover up his sexual orientation.

Off The Wall

Woman gives birth after running Chicago Marathon

CHICAGO (AP)—Amber Miller felt contractions just minutes after crossing the finish line at the Chicago Marathon. A few hours later, the suburban Chicago woman—who slogged her way through 26.2 miles while nearly 39 weeks pregnant—delivered a healthy baby girl.

"For me, it wasn't anything out of the ordinary. I was running up until that point anyway," Miller told The Associated Press in an interview from the hospital where she was recovering Monday. "I am crazy about running."

Sunday's marathon was the eighth for the 27-year-old, who has been running for more than a dozen years. She found out she was pregnant with her second child days after signing up for the Chicago race and decided to play it by ear on whether or not she would run.

When the baby hadn't been born by Sunday, she got clearance from her doctor to run half. She completed it with a with a half-run half-walk approach, drinking lots of fluids and eating a lot along the way. She finished in 6:25:50, much slower than her usual marathon time, but still content.

"Lots of people were cheering me on: `Go pregnant lady!'" she said. "I was expecting some negative comments. I don't remember anything."

It was not Miller's first marathon while pregnant.

In May, the Westchester woman ran the Wisconsin Marathon in 4:23:07 while 17 weeks pregnant with her daughter. In 2009, she ran the Indianapolis Marathon in 4:30:27 while she was 18 weeks pregnant with her son Caleb, who's 1.

Elite runners have trained while pregnant, but doctors say Miller is a rarity. She was 38 weeks and five days pregnant. Full-term is typically defined as 40 weeks.

Marathon world-record holder Paula Radcliffe ran 14 miles a day while pregnant and resumed training weeks after the birth of her first child. She won the New York City Marathon in 2007 just 10 months after delivery. American marathoner Kara Goucher, who gave birth to her son last year, also trained while pregnant, running 80 miles a week at times.

AP

Amber Miller, of Westchester, Ill., holds her baby at Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Ill., Monday Oct. 10, 2011.

"It's probably the rare woman who is in good enough shape to run a marathon while pregnant. It's probably the exception more than the rule," said Dr. Priya Rajan, an assistant professor in obstetrics and gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

Medical guidelines generally say that if a woman was a runner and healthy before she got pregnant, running during pregnancy is fine. Doctors even recommend exercise for low-risk pregnancies. However, medical experts agree that pregnancy is not the time to begin any exercise endeavors, such as starting marathon training for the first time. For pregnant runners, close monitoring by a doctor is recommended.

Miller who was looking forward to getting rest, said she the only effects she felt from the marathon, which she finished around 3:30 p.m., were blisters on her feet. She was just happy to see her daughter June, who was born at 10:29 p.m. at 7 pounds, 13 ounces with no complications.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police say man robbed bank, then went for pizza

YUMA, Ariz. (AP)—Arizona authorities say they have arrested a man who robbed a Yuma bank then went and spent some of the stolen money on beer and pizza at a nearby restaurant. Yuma police say 56-year-old Henry Elmer has been booked into county jail on a variety of robbery and theft-related charges. Officers responded to a robbery call at the main branch of the Wells Fargo Bank across from the Yuma Police Station around 1:30 p.m. Saturday. A man reportedly entered the bank, produced a box-cutter knife and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. Police say Elmer then went to a nearby restaurant, ordered beer and a couple of slices of pizza and paid with some of the bank's money. Police say they located Elmer before the meal was served.

Police: NM woman put ad on Craigslist to buy pot

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP)—A New Mexico woman faces charges after police say she put an ad on Craigslist looking to buy drugs. Roswell police arrested Anamicka Dave, 29, this week after officers posing as sellers arranged to meet her through text messages. Dave's ad on Craigslist's "casual encounters" section said she was new to town and "looking for Mary Jane," KOB-TV reported. Roswell Police Sgt. Ty Sharpe said the ad was so blatant, he had to make sure it wasn't posted by another undercover officer. "I was really surprised that someone would actually put on there they were looking for weed—an actually illegal product—to the fact that I called my boss to make sure it wasn't one of our guys trying to do a reverse sting," Sharpe told the station. Police met the Albuquerque woman in a parking lot and then arrested her.

Phone linked to Facebook leads to burglary suspect

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—A New Mexico man is facing burglary charges after authorities say he broke into an Albuquerque-area home then left behind a cell phone linked to his Facebook profile. KOB-TV reports that Bernalillo County sheriff's deputies used the Facebook app to find and arrest 24-year-old Oscar Martinez last week. Deputies say they found his cell phone at the scene of the break-in. The criminal complaint says a family interrupted the burglary when they came home and found Martinez, who fired six shots from a BB gun at them as he fled. He is facing charges including aggravated burglary with a deadly weapon and violation of his parole.

Trap planned for wayward western Pa. gator

SLICKVILLE, Pa. (AP)—Zoo officials plan to set up a trap in hopes of capturing an alligator that's been spotted on the shores of a Pittsburgh-area reservoir. Officials from the Pittsburgh Zoo visited Beaver Run Reservoir in Slickville on Tuesday in hopes of spotting the reptile. Zoo reptile curator Henry Kacprzyk says he's confident the wire trap will catch the alligator, which officials believe was a pet that someone turned loose. The alligator was first spotted about a month ago. Officials scrapped a plan to let it succumb to the cold weather after public outcry. The Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County reservoir has about 25 miles of shore line. Kacprzyk says the trap will be set up on a sunny spot near where the alligator was last seen.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT

INVITATION TO BID
ITB11-DPW/ED-138

SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2011 • TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING BINS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – ENERGY OFFICE"

COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE PICKED-UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE CNMI ARRA STATE LEAD LOCATED ON THE THIRD (3RD) FLOOR OF THE MARIANAS BUSINESS PLAZA OFFICE #315, SUSUPE OR REQUESTED VIA E-MAIL TO **res_recycling_bins@recovery.gov.mp.**

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS ITB MUST BE SUBMITED IN WRITING TO MS. ALFREDA CAMACHO VIA E-MAIL TO res_recycling_bins@recovery.gov.mp OR FAX TO (670) 234-3016 **NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 19, 2011.**

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MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
MVA-RFP-12-2311

For: Happy Children In Paradise Campaign Saipan-da Backpacks

Closing Date: October 31, 2011 Time: 2:00 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: The Division of Procurement & Supply

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work and application for local preference at the **Marianas Visitors Authority** office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except holidays or by emailing the **MVA** at mva@mymarianas.com or by visiting our website www.mymarianas.com under the Members section.

/s/ HERMAN SABLAN
Director, P&S

/s/ PERRY P. TENORIO
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS for Terminal Improvements at the Tinian International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP, 96950,

All Bids shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: Tinian International Airport, Terminal Improvements, Project No. CPA-TA-002-08 and must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM** on **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011** to the Office of the Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, demolition, building and site improvements, including concrete foundations, concrete slab-on-grade, cast-in-place concrete, roof membrane, metal roofing, thermal insulation, concrete masonry unit walls, non-structural metal framing, carpentry, gypsum board, ceramic tile, resilient flooring, acoustical ceilings, aluminum doors and frames, aluminum windows, glazing, cabinetry, toilet partitions, toilet accessories, painting, ventilation, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical lighting and power, complete and ready for use all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from CNMI Capital Improvement Program. The Contract award, if it is made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days of the receipt of Bid Proposals. CPA reserves the right to hold such Bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of Bid opening.

The Contract period for construction of the Project in its entirety shall be One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days. Liquidated damages in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00) shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day completion of the Project is delayed beyond the Contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low Bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." The review will include, but is not necessarily limited to, previous projects experience, financial capability, quantity and quality of equipment and personnel, and ability to secure bonding and insurance. If the apparent low Bidder is found to be not "responsive and responsible", their Bid will be rejected and the next lowest Bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the Project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by CNMI Law or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract. A copy of the CNMI Minimum Wage Rate Determination is included in the General Provisions, Section 70-25.

Each Bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the Bid Proposal documents, with submission of their Bid Proposal.

A CD-Rom containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents, including Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada / Saipan International Airport, upon payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS ($200.00)** for each set of documents in electronic form, including the Bid Schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal Money Order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at CPA Conference Room, Tinian International Airport, at 10:00 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2011, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this Project. All prospective Bidders are required to attend. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the Pre-Bid Conference.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on the Bid Schedule form included on the CD-Rom obtained from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all Bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding Bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the Bid Schedule or misentry of the quantity of line items; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the Project Contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said Bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed Contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the Regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

Each Bidder must supply all information required by the Bid Proposal documents and Specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the Specifications. Bid Proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority office.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the Specifications. To be eligible for award, each Bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this Invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award of any Contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by either a Bid Bond issued by a U.S. Treasury listed surety company, a Certified Check, or a Cashier's Check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid Price. Checks shall be made payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

The proposed Contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ MANUEL P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Board Chairman / Contracting Officer

Date: September 30, 2011

Science & Technology

NASA launches 2 national student science competitions

CLEVELAND—NASA is offering students the opportunity to compete in two microgravity challenges: "Dropping In a Microgravity Environment," or DIME, and "What If No Gravity?" or WING.

DIME is a team competition for high school students in the ninth through 12th grades. WING is a competition for student teams from the fifth through eighth grades. Both are project-oriented activities that last throughout the school year for the selected teams.

DIME and WING are open to student teams from all 50 states, Washington, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Each team must have an adult supervisor, such as a teacher, parent or technical consultant. Teams may be from any type of organization or club, such as a science class, a group of friends, a scout troop or youth group.

Proposals are due by Nov. 1. A panel of NASA scientists and engineers will evaluate and select the top-ranked proposals by Dec. 1. The winning teams will design and build the experiments that will be conducted in the 2.2-Second Drop Tower at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

The 79-foot tower gets its name because when an experiment is "dropped" into it, the package experiences weightlessness, or microgravity, for 2.2 seconds. Researchers from around the world use this tower to study the effects of microgravity on physical phenomena, such as combustion and fluid dynamics, and to develop new technology for future space missions.

The top four DIME teams will receive an expense-paid trip to Glenn in March 2012 to conduct their experiments, review the results with NASA personnel and tour the center's facilities. All DIME participants visiting NASA must be U.S. citizens.

Four additional DIME teams, and up to 30 WING teams, will be selected to build their experiments and ship them to Glenn for NASA testing. These experiments and the resulting data will be returned to the teams, so they can prepare reports about their findings.

For more information about entering DIME and WING student team competitions, visit: http://microgravity.grc.nasa.gov/DIME.html.

DIME and WING are part of NASA's education program. The program allows the agency to continue its work around the country to inspire, engage and educate the next generation of engineers and scientists.

The Teaching From Space Office at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston sponsors the DIME and WING competitions. The office enhances education opportunities that use the unique environment of human spaceflight; works with crew members to arrange International Space Station in-flight education downlinks; and provides education payload operations and demonstrations. ***(PRNewswire-USNewswire)***

HELPWARE

A program to protect your privacy

By NOAH MATTHEWS
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

If you're a private person, the kind of guy who would rather read on the bus than share with others that you're thinking about having plastic surgery on your nose, you're probably as determined to keep what you do on your computer away from prying eyes, too. You could lock your PC in a dark closet when you're not using it, or you could use a helpful utility program for Windows called Internet Privacy Pro.

Internet Privacy Pro will erase everything that you've done on your computer, except documents you've created. It will erase the history of what documents you've worked on, what files you've opened and where you've visited on the Internet. If you've searched for files on your PC, a record of that task can be erased. In fact, all traces of what you've worked on, where it resides and what files you've saved can be wiped out. Don't want anyone to know what music you've listened to? Gone. And it will erase pretty much all other histories of programs you've launched—from Ad-ware to Yahoo Player.

You can customize history deletion in all manner of ways, such as deleting auto-completing passwords in Internet Explorer, Firefox and other browsers. Your passwords are safe, but once the auto-complete function is wiped clean, you have to re-enter them each time you visit that site.

Best of all, you can customize just about any other function that you want to hide from prying eyes. Say you're running an ancient word-processing program that's not listed in the ones the program has set up as defaults. Just type in the name of the program and the kind of files you want to hide, and Internet Privacy Pro will do its clandestine work.

Ready to hide your history? Click on the "clean now" button, and no one will be able to learn what you've done the last time you were computing. It's loads easier than hiding your PC in a closet—unless, that is, your PC disappears.

Internet Privacy Pro works on recent versions of Windows. I tested it using Windows 7. A 14-day trial version can be downloaded from www.avanquest.com. If you want to keep using it after that, it costs $29 to buy.

For other utilities, educational and business programs, visit the author's website at www.washingtoncd.net.

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD WALTER CAMACHO

July 09, 1958 — October 04, 2011

In memory of our beloved, who was entombed at Pigo Catholic Cemetery in Guam on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, a Memorial Mass for the eternal repose of his soul will be celebrated in Saipan at Kristo Rai Church on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 6:00PM.

Please join us in prayers.

Sheryl Sizemore Camacho, Children and Family

5TH YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In loving memory of,

Remedio Sablan Santos-Dela Cruz

"Bedu Maka"

We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be offered every morning beginning on Monday, October 17, 2011 thru Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 6:00 am, except for Sunday, October 23, 2011, Mass will be offered at 9:00 am at the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I Familia

In Celebration of Her New Life

Raimunda Borja Tudela Palacios

Born: January 07, 1927 • Called to Eternal Life: October 03, 2011 at the age of 84

Predeceased by her:

Parents: Jesus Sablan Tudela & Anunciasion Borja Tudela
Husband: Francisco Camacho Palacios
Daughter: Juana Palacios Santos
Grandson: Joseph Palacios Reyes
Parents-in-law: Jose Cruz Palacios and Dolores Camacho Palacios
Son-in-law: Charles Pangelinan Reyes, Sr.
Brothers & Sister-in-law: Francisco B. and Ana DLG. Tudela
Rufino B. Tudela
Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Juliana T. and Jose Lizama
Magdalena T. and Vicente Salas
Sabina T. and John C. Pangelinan
Rufina T. and Victoriano Kerubin
Brother-in-law: Antonio C. Palacios
Sisters & Brothers-in-law: Nieves P. and Jose Duenas
Martha P. and Guillermo C. Agulto

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Children: **Marcelina P.** and Victorino S. Cepeda
(Melvin P. & Eleanor A. Cepeda and family / Frankie P. Cepeda)
Bernadita T. Palacios
(Charles P. Reyes, Jr. / Roy P. Reyes / Gerald P. Reyes & Joni Muna and family / Vince Victor Palacios & Sylvia Mercel DLC. Torres)
Cecilia P. & Alfred K. Pangelinan
(Sonya Michelle P. & Curtis J. Dancoe and family / Cindy Lorraine P. & Joel Hoepner and family / Jeff P. Pangelinan / Jaime P. Pangelinan)
Eugene A. Santos
(Gene Rodney P. Santos / Julene P. Santos & John Del Rosario / Garridan P. Santos)
Brother, Sisters-in-law, & Reared Brother: Juan B. & Antonia Tudela and family, Concepcion F. Tudela and family, Leo B. Tudela and family
Sister: Sister Cecilia B. Tudela, MMB
Caregivers: Revelina (Ruby) Evangelista / Eliza Valiente / Belen Salcedo

Also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, cousins & godchildren.

Daily Mass is being offered at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church.

On Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00am, her body will be escorted from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church. Responso service and Holy Rosary will follow immediately upon arrival. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am. Interment services will follow immediately at CNMI Veterans' Cemetery in Marpi where she will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers.

Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you.

Children and Family

First Year Death Anniversary

Remembering

Juana Palacios Santos

Lovingly known as "Anning or Juanet"

We the family, humbly invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the first year passing of our dearly beloved, wife and mother into eternal life.

Daily Mass will be offered every morning at 6:00am at Kristo Rai Church, beginning Saturday, October 8, 2011 through Monday, October 17, 2011.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated.

Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you.

Eugene (Gene) Apatang Santos
Children & Family

Life & Style

Adrienne Rich among National Book Award finalists

NEW YORK (AP)—Manning Marable didn't live to hear the praise, or respond to the controversy.

Manning's "Malcolm X," a year project, was among the finalists announced Wednesday for the National Book Awards. Published just days after the Columbia University professor's death, Marable's book was celebrated for its scholarship and its doubts about the official story of Malcolm X's 1965 assassination leading to new calls for an investigation. Marable also alleged that Malcolm had exaggerated his criminal past and, to the unhappiness of some of Malcolm's children, that he had a much more difficult marriage than previously believed.

"He wanted to get past the legend and present Malcolm as a complex human being," said Marable's widow, Leith Mullings. "It's very bittersweet, the nomination. I'm heartbroken that he can't be here to have been part of this recognition. On the other hand, it's wonderful that he finished the book."

Marable died in April at age 60 from complications of pneumonia. He is not the first posthumous nominee. In 2004, Donald Justice was a finalist for his "Collected Poems."

Debut novelist Tea Obreht and longtime poet and former National Book Award winner Adrienne Rich were also on this year's list of 21 nominees, five each in four categories. Several finalists were published by small presses, from TriQuarterly to Graywolf. Fiction nominee Edith Pearlman's story collection "Binocular Vision" was released through Lookout Books in Wilmington, N.C., while Andrew Krivak's "The Sojourn" came out from Bellevue Literary Press, based at the famous hospital in New York City and the publisher of Paul Harding's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Tinkers."

The 26-year-old Obreht was cited for "The Tiger's Wife," a haunting novel about displacement that has already won Britain's Orange Prize for best fiction by a woman. Others in the fiction category were Julia Otsuka's "The Buddha in the Attic" and Jesmyn Ward's "Salvage the Bones." Another widely praised first novel, Chad Harbach's "The Art of Fielding," was not selected. Neither was Joan Didion's "Blue Nights," her follow-up to the National Book Award-winning "The Year of Magical Thinking," nor Jeffrey Eugenides' "The Marriage Plot," his first novel since the Pulitzer-winning "Middlesex."

Besides Marable, nonfiction finalists included Harvard University scholar Stephen Greenblatt for "The Swerve," his story of the Renaissance-era rediscovery of Lucretius' "On the Nature of Things" and the Latin poem's influence on Western thinking. The other nominees were Deborah Baker's "The Convert" and two biographies of married couples: Mary Gabriel's "Love and Capital: Karl and Jenny Marx and the Birth of a Revolution"; and Lauren Redniss' "Marie & Pierre Curie, A Tale of Love and Fallout."

The National Books Awards are chosen by separate panels of writers for each retrospective category. Judges looked through 1,223 books in all.

20 questions for actor-author-singer William Shatner

William Shatner, Capt. Kirk, cultural icon extraordinaire. Like all great American actors, he's not American. We're not even sure he's human. In human years, he's 80 (with the unstoppable mental energy of an 8t-year-old Vulcan), but he could be just a youngster in Akritirians, Bejorin, Betazoid—to name but a handful of the humanoids that have infected, er, appeared in "Star Trek" (and those are just some of the 'A' and 'B' names of humanoid aliens found on Wikipedia. Shudder.)

Indeed, we've been under the influence of "Star Trek" since it was first beamed, or rather aired, on NBC 45 years ago last month. That was our first contact with the starship U.S.S. Enterprise and her crew. Since then, Shatner has so thoroughly integrated in his role on this planet, the role of the explorer of strange new worlds (get it?), we're only now beginning to realize that he's just getting started with us. He's just beginning to mess with our minds.

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William Shatner released "Shatner Rules," on October 4th, a new album called "Seeking Major Tom" releases on October 11th and a one-man Canadian tour, "How Time Flies: An Evening with William Shatner," launches in Vancouver on Oct. 19.

This month alone he continues to mesmerize his loyal Trekkie following with a DVD ("The Captains") a book ("Shatner Rules: Your Key to Understanding the Shatnerverse and the World at Large") and a CD ("Seeking Major Tom"). He'll be making contact with the Canadians soon, too. This is why we're certain that William Shatner always has been, and always will be, The Captain of His Universe. And ours.

1. The latest book or movie that made you cry?

"Rise of the Planet of the Apes"—it was so bad I was in tears.

2. The fictional character most like you?

The ape in "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" because he had noble ambitions, some of which came true and some of which didn't, all of which were a futile exercise, anyway.

3. The greatest album, ever?

"Seeking Major Tom" is one of the major albums of our generation.

4. "Star Trek" or "Star Wars"?

DUH!!!! "Star Wars," of course.

5. Your ideal brain food?

Jazz—inspirational in all of its creativity.

6. You're proud of this accomplishment, but why?

I can chew gun and walk at the same time because I am told doing two things at once is impossible. The brain cuts off … not mine.

7. You want to be remembered for ...?

Chewing gum and walking at the same time.

8. Of those who've come before, the most inspirational are?

Stunt performer Steve-O, because he can get hurt and recover in a flash. I take a day or two.

9. The creative masterpiece you wish bore your signature?

If I could have only re-edited "Rise of the Planet of the Apes"… but they didn't ask.

10. Your hidden talents …?

The dexterity of my toes. I can pick up a pen and write a short story but only with my small toe.

11. The best piece of advice you actually followed?

"Go West, young man," said by American author Horace Greeley. Hollywood lay at the end of the map.

12. The best thing you ever bought, stole, or borrowed?

I stole a bag of candies when I was 5. The grocery clerk caught me, told my father and I never stole another thing again. Except a scene or two.

13. You feel best in Armani or Levis or …?

Running shorts. I have great legs and washboard abs.

14. Your dinner guest at the Ritz would be?

Fred Astaire. He would dance with me, order wine and he would listen to me sing.

15. Time travel: where, when and why?

I want to go back in time to the invention of fire. Whose thought was it? Who thought of using it? He must have been the most creative brain to have ever been. I'm assuming it's a "he" because so many "shes" have played with fire.

16. Stress management: hit man, spa vacation or Prozac?

I might take some Prozac on a spa vacation and have the hit man's phone number.

17. Essential to life: coffee, vodka, cigarettes, chocolate, or …?

It would have to be espresso coffee, Belvedere vodka and chocolate cigarettes

18. Environ of choice: city or country, and where on the map?

I've got a little spot of heaven right here in Los Angeles.

19. What do you want to say to the leader of your country?

Get your rear end off the toilet and run this country like our lives depend on it.

20. Last but certainly not least, what are you working on, now?

I have a new book coming out called "Shatner Rules" (Oct. 4), a new album called "Seeking Major Tom" (Oct. 11) and my one-man Canadian tour, "How Time Flies: An Evening with William Shatner," launches in Vancouver on Oct. 19. My recent documentary, "The Captains," is available on DVD. ***(PopMatters.com)***

P.D. James writes Jane Austen sequel

NEW YORK (AP)—P.D. James could hold back no longer.

The 91-year-old detective novelist said Wednesday she was glad to finally complete a long-desired project—a sequel to Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice."

James' "Death Comes to Pemberley" will be published by Faber & Faber in Britain in early November and by Alfred A. Knopf in the United states on Dec. 6.

James said in a telephone interview from her home in London that the new book allows her to indulge two great passions: Austen and crime stories. James' novel is the most recent of many sequels to "Pride and Prejudice

"I love the idea of setting a book in Pemberley, six years after the marriage of Elizabeth and Darcy. And I love the idea of bringing murder to Pemberley," James said with a laugh. She will not give away the ending, of course. But she does share the beginning: It's October 1803, and friends and family have gathered at the home of Darcy and Elizabeth to help celebrate the annual autumn ball.

Suddenly, Darcy looks out the window cries out, "Who on earth is this?" A carriage hurries onto the grounds, carrying Lydia Bennet Wickham, Elizabeth's sister.

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Hilary Duff moving full speed ahead with life

NEW YORK (AP)—Although she's appeared in hit movies, starred on a Disney TV show and sold millions of records, Hilary Duff still feels like she has things to prove in showbiz.

Duff says during her time on "Lizzie McGuire," the show she starred in for two seasons that made her famous, she "got to do so many fun things and be so physical with my comedy. I had no inhibitions. It was fun for me to be goofy."

"Then I wanted to sing and that was new but I had so many fans by that point they were all supporting me so I was really confident. Now I'm a little older and I feel I need to re-learn some of those things. I have goals and aspirations but they kind of fall into what I've already accomplished. I feel like I still have work to do within things I've already dabbled in."

One recent success she's had is in the publishing world. Duff's a best-selling young adult novelist with her "Elixir" trilogy. The second book, "Devoted" is now in stores.

Hilary Duff

"To put a book out was huge," she said. "To hear people be like, `I didn't want to give you much credit but I love this book.' It's an overwhelming feeling of gratefulness and relief."

Besides writing, 24-year-old Duff is expecting her first child with pro hockey player Mike Comrie. The two married in 2010.

She says she sees fans posting on Twitter that her pregnancy makes them feel old.

"The truth is that I'm very young and things in my life have happened very fast. I guess, why stop now?"

She doesn't know if the baby is a boy or a girl, but plans to take her husband, mom and sister (actress Haylie Duff) to the appointment to find out. Duff says the suspense is "killing" her and predicts it will be a boy.

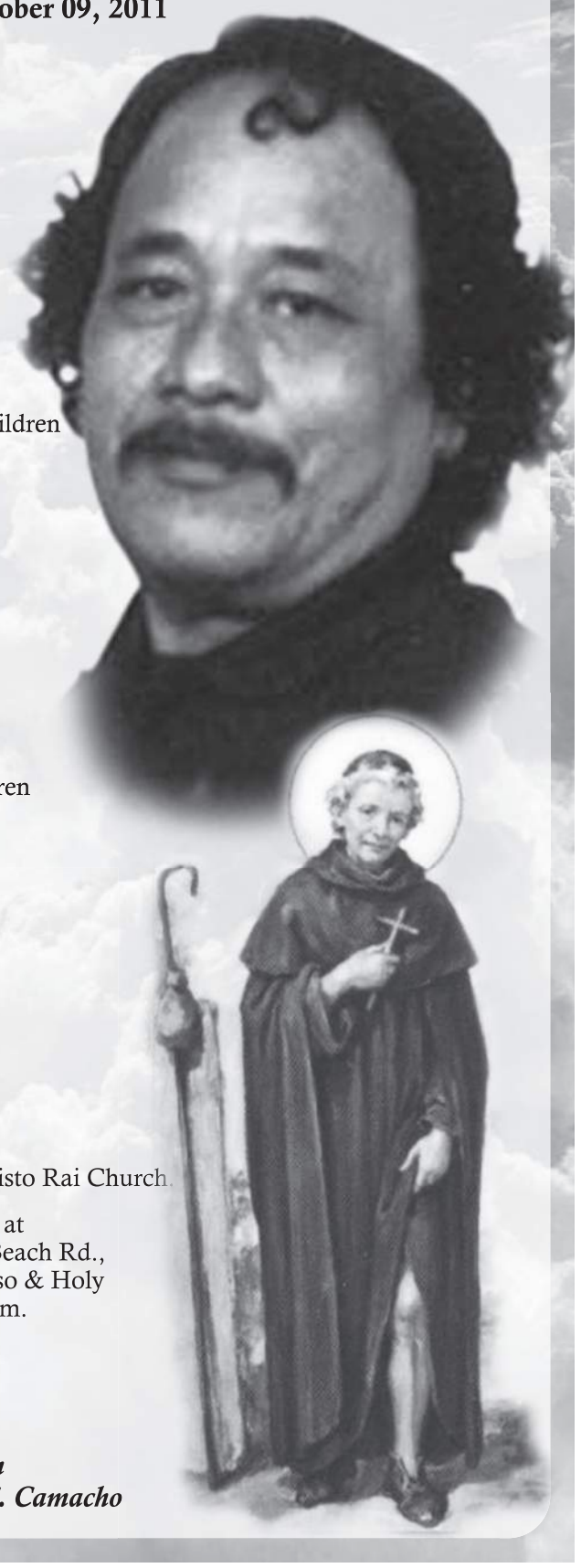
Although she's grown up in the spotlight Duff says being in the public eye can be hard while she's experiencing the ups and downs of pregnancy.

"Being pregnant every day is a little bit different. Sometimes you're feeling great and sometimes you just like could cry at the drop of a hat. I handle it as best as I can I think."

Death and Funeral Announcement

Joseph Dela Cruz Camacho

April 22, 1952 — October 09, 2011



In his new life, he now joins his:

Father: †Santiago Acosta Camacho
Mother: †Carmen Sablan Dela Cruz
Mother In-Law: †Maria Sablan Cabrera

His memories will live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Martha Cabrera Camacho
Son: Joseph Cabrera Camacho, Jr. & Zeleann K. Camacho (Jacqueline Jo)
Daughter: Marjony Cabrera Camacho

Brothers & Sisters/Spouses and family

Gabriel DLC. & Frances T. Camacho and children
Francisco DLC. Camacho and children
Patricia DLC. Camacho & Jose P. Villagomez and children
Edward DLC. & Elizabeth G. Camacho and children
Martin DLC. & Raynita L. Camacho and children
Ricardo DLC. & Cynthia R. Camacho and children
Ruth C. & Steven M. Pangelinan and children
Lydia C. & Eulogio M. King and children
Gernadine DLC. Camacho

Parents In-Law: Manuel T. & Emma DLC. Cabrera

Brothers & Sisters In–Law/Spouses and family

Lydia S. Sablan & George Q. Camacho and children
Edward S. Sablan & children
Rita S. & Ghen Ding and children
Sophia C. & Raymond V. Deleon Guerrero and children
Virginia S. Cabrera and children
Manuel Jr. & Maryjane S. Cabrera and children
Florentina C. & Fred F. Boyer and daughter
Janet S. Cabrera and children
Diego S. Cabrera & Patricia Aldan and children
Steven S. & Geraldine A. Cabrera and children
Angela DLC. Cabrera and daughter
Manuel John DLC. Cabrera
Emma Lou DLC. Cabrera
Josepha DLC. Cabrera

He will also be missed by numerous Aunties, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, and Godchildren.

Daily Mass is being offered every morning at 6:00 am at Kristo Rai Church.

On Monday, October 17, 2011, his remains will be escorted at 9:00 am from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Rd., Garapan to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral for Responso & Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 1:00pm. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Please join us in prayers.

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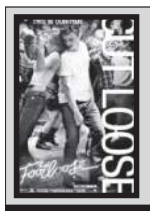

Footloose

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Sunday	1:25	4:25	7:25	
Mon thru Thurs		4:25	7:25	

Kenny Wormald, Julianne Hough
Mucical, Drama • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Hustle & Flow director Craig Brewer takes the helm for this remake of the popular 1984 musical romance about a big-city teen who moves to a town that has outlawed dancing. Uprooted from Boston and reluctantly transplanted to the small Bible Belt town of Bomont, Ren MacCormack (Kenny Wormald) finds himself in a repressed community still reeling from a devastating loss. Shortly before he arrived in Bomont, five local teens perished in a tragic car accident following a local dance. As a result, the upstanding Reverend Shaw Moore (Dennis Quaid) and the local councilmen passed a strict ordinance outlawing both dancing and excessively loud music.

The Thing

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Saturday	1:20	4:20	7:20	9:40
Sunday	1:20	4:20	7:20	
Mon thru Thurs		4:20	7:20	

Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ulrich Thomsen
Science fiction, Horror • Rated R

Synopsis
An American paleontologist and a team of Norwegian scientists fight for their lives against a shape-shifting extraterrestrial that can perfectly mimic any living creature in this prequel to John Carpenter's 1982 horror classic. Upon receiving word that the Antarctic research team has unearthed an alien craft, paleontologist Kate Lloyd (Mary Elizabeth Winstead) joins the group to explore what secrets the ship might hold. Though by Kate's estimation the creature inside the spaceship has been dead for centuries, it has actually just been lying dormant in the ice. Perfectly preserved, it has awaited the day when it would finally be freed from its frigid prison; now, after eons of lying in wait, that day has finally come.

Real Steel

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Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales

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Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd
Children's/family • Rated PG

Dream House

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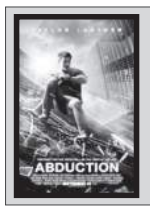
Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
Thriller • Rated PG 13



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Taylor Lautner, Alfred Molina
Thriller • Rated PG 13

Killer Elite

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Saturday	1:10	4:10	7:10	9:45
Sunday	1:10	4:10	7:10	
Mon thru Thurs		4:10	7:10	

Robert De Niro, Clive Owen, Jason Statham
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Celebrities come out for Wall Street protest

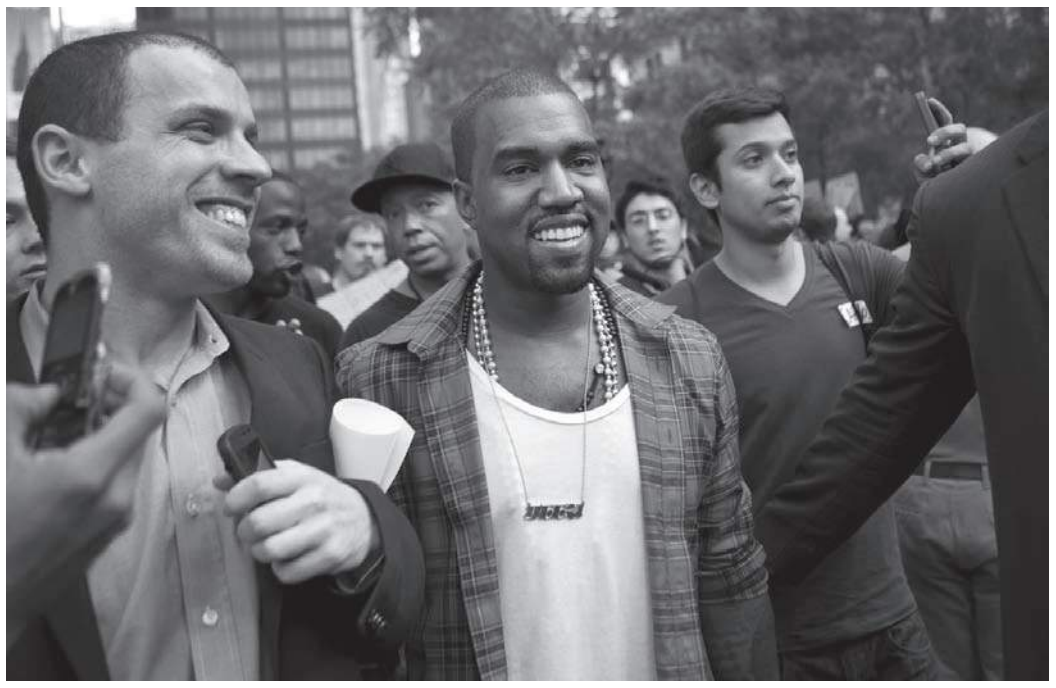
NEW YORK (AP)—As the nearly monthlong Occupy Wall Street protests have grown, they've attracted the support of celebrities.

Kanye West and Russell Simmons most recently visited the protests in lower Manhattan on Monday. They followed visits from documentary filmmaker Michael Moore, actress Susan Sarandon, actor Mark Ruffalo, comedian Roseanne Barr, actor Tim Robbins, rapper Talib Kweli and "Gossip Girl" actor Penn Badgley.

Their involvement suggests broadening cultural support for the protests, which take on Wall Street companies and denounce what the demonstrators see as corporate greed. Protesters have been camped out in New York's financial district for 3 1/2 weeks, and crowds have gathered in cities including Washington, Boston and Los Angeles, as well as abroad.

"I'm so impressed by what I'm seeing here," Moore told protesters at one of the demonstration sites. "It's not just the hundreds or thousands that have come down here to Liberty Plaza, it is millions of Americans who have suffered as a result of the decisions made by the people in these buildings."

On Tuesday, protesters marched past the homes of wealthy residents, singling out buildings where media mogul Rupert Murdoch, banker Jamie Dimon and oil tycoon David Koch have homes. They decried the impending expiration of New York's 2 percent "millionaires' tax" in December.



AP

Musician Kanye West visits the "Occupy Wall Street" protests in Zuccotti Park, Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, New York.

When Barr attended, she gave a speech in which she proposed "a new capitalism, one not fueled by wars, one that doesn't pass out its wealth to handful of white guys and call that free trade."

Simmons, the hip-hop mogul, last week dispensed 500 bottles of water to protesters, calling them "sweet kids."

Sarandon, the Academy Award winner who often lends help to left-wing causes, offered some advice on how the protesters could organize themselves and urged people to participate in the political process. She called the protests "incredibly moving."

"I don't know that much about Wall Street, but if I was running a business and I made that big of a mistake and lost that many people's future, I don't think I would get a bonus or even keep my job," Sarandon told reporters. "So something's wrong."

Because a focal point of the protests is to highlight the growing gap between the rich and the poor, some have questioned whether wealthy entertainers who are among the top 1 percent in income have a place in the protests. The protesters claim to represent "the other 99 percent."

Critics have cited that West ranked No. 3 on Forbes' list of top earners in hip-hop. The rapper didn't make a speech when he attended the protests but simply walked through the throngs, who warmly greeted him.

Disdain for Wall Street is far from unique to any income bracket, though. President Barack Obama has called the demonstrations representative of wider feelings.

"I think people are frustrated and the protesters are giving voice to a more broad-based frustration about how our financial system works," he said last week.

The blog Celebrity NetWorth has listed what it claims are the top 10 richest celebrities supporting the protests. Others have pointed out the corporations some of the supportive celebrities endorse.

Yoko Ono, Alec Baldwin and Jane Fonda have voiced support for the protests. Baldwin is a pitchman for Capital One Bank.

Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood to headline festival

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Country music superstars Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood and Rascal Flatts are headlining the third annual "Bayou Country Superfest" to be held in Baton Rouge over the 2012 Memorial Day weekend.

Also on the list of performers slated for the music festival at LSU's Tiger Stadium are Jason Aldean, Eric Church, Dierks Bentley, Sara Evans and Little Big Town.

Festival organizers announced the lineup Wednesday, saying tickets will go on sale Oct. 20. The festival dates are May 26-27.

Two-day tickets range from $80 to $500, and single-day tickets cost between $50 and $250, depending on the seats.

CELEBRITY EXTRA

By CINDY ELAVSKY
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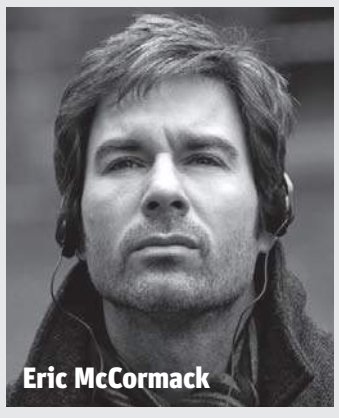

Eric McCormack

Q: One of my all-time favorite comedies is "Will & Grace," and I especially love Eric McCormack on that show. Can you tell me what he's got coming up? I'd love to see him in something, whether on the big screen or small.—David D., via e-mail

A: TNT recently announced that Eric would be starring in its new original series "Perception," about an eccentric neuroscientist (Dr. Daniel Pierce, played by Eric) who helps solve complex criminal cases. The show also stars Rachael Leigh Cook and Kelly Rowan ("The O.C."). The series will be 10 episodes long and will join the network's lineup in summer 2012.

This isn't Eric's first foray into drama, by far, as he also starred in "The Andromeda Strain," "Who Is Clark Rockefeller?" and "Lonesome Dove," to name just a few. Also, if you happen to subscribe to Netflix or HuluPlus, you must check out his 2004 three-episode guest-starring appearance on "Dead Like Me" (which you can rent or stream) to see a side of Eric you've probably never seen before.

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Q: Can you tell when/if "Californication" will return for another season?—John D., Columbus, Ohio

A: The David Duchovny-starring dark comedy will be back for its fifth season on Showtime beginning Jan. 8, 2012. This season will see author Hank Moody (David) even more popular (and richer) than ever after his biopic is released. Rob Lowe reprises his role as Eddie Nero, as does Madeleine Martin as Becca and Natascha McElhone as Karen. Also, Marcy and Stu continue their relationship, even though she is pregnant with ex-husband Charlie's baby. And don't think Ben (and his daughter Pearl) are out of the picture: The season opens with Karen, Ben, Becca and Pearl on a cross-country RV road trip.

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Q: I love Joseph Fiennes and think he is absolutely superb as Merlin in "Camelot." Will he and the show be back for a second season?—Sally T., via e-mail

A: I am sorry to report that Starz has decided not to continue with the "Camelot" series, citing production difficulties. Starz released this statement to somewhat explain its position: "Due to significant production challenges, Starz has decided not to exercise the option for subsequent seasons of ÔCamelot' with our production partners GK-tv, Octagon Films and Take 5 Productions." This certainly comes as a surprise to many viewers, considering the premiere of "Camelot" garnered the highest ratings ever for an original series on Starz, and continued to pull in high numbers for an original cable series.

Q: Why isn't "30 Rock" on NBC's fall schedule? I didn't hear anything about it being canceled!—Janet F. in Florida

A: Don't worry, Janet! "30 Rock" will be back for its sixth season at the beginning of 2012. NBC decided to postpone its premiere, mainly because of Tina Fey's pregnancy and also to give a jump-start to some of its freshman comedies.

Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or e-mail her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

Trash talking creates a stink after warring couple reconciles

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: When my son "Lyle" told my husband and me that his wife, "Becky," was leaving him and taking their kids where he would not be able to see them, we were shocked. Lyle consulted an attorney, filed for divorce that day, and got a restraining order to keep Becky from running off with the kids.

We begged them to go to counseling. As things progressed, Lyle learned about several of Becky's affairs, her drug use and her chronic lying, and told us every awful, shocking detail. He also made sure our entire family knew about his lying, cheating, conniving wife. As talk began to circulate around our family, my husband told Lyle he knew from the beginning that all the things he had been told about Becky were true.

Well, today my son announced to us that he and Becky are back together! We are stunned. Abby, please warn people who are considering divorce to keep their mouths shut, because spreading dirt helps no one and can cause real problems later. Any advice on how to deal with this mess now?

WISH WE WERE NEVER TOLD

DEAR WISH: While I'm not a doctor, I am prescribing a healthy dose of collective amnesia for your family. It's the only way you'll be able to look Becky in the eye. Your son was lining up allies when he trashed her. Whether or not what he said about her was true or exaggerated, no one will regard her—or him—quite the way they did. What a shame.

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DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Bernice," hasn't spoken to me since her son and I were married four years ago. We got along well prior to the wedding, but because I didn't let her make major decisions in the wedding she stopped speaking to me. I have done everything I can to mend our relationship—sent her letters of apology, birthday gifts, etc.—still no response.

My husband is in the middle. I have really had it with Bernice and don't want to try to mend fences with her any longer, but my husband is very close to his mom and wants me to keep trying. What can I do? Please help.

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW DILEMMA

DEAR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW: Your husband isn't in the middle. His mother has been trying to push you out in left field for four years, and he is unwilling to put his foot down and stop her.

If you're smart, you will take the high road and continue with the gifts on special occasions. With luck, she'll continue to ignore them and you won't have to tolerate her. A mother-in-law who carries a grudge and thinks her "suggestions" are ironclad is a bona fide burden. Be glad you don't have to suffer her presence, and keep your fingers crossed.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are the parents of three young boys—ages 11, 8 and 3. My wife often walks around our bedroom and bathroom naked, or topless with lacy underpants. I feel it is inappropriate for her to walk around in this manner and that she should take care to cover up, especially in front of the older boys. What do you think?

BLUSHING IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.

DEAR BLUSHING: Although families have different standards regarding nudity, I think a touch of modesty is the best policy. If your wife enjoys being nude or topless in the confines of your bedroom and bathroom, she should keep the door shut, and ask that the boys knock and ask permission before entering.

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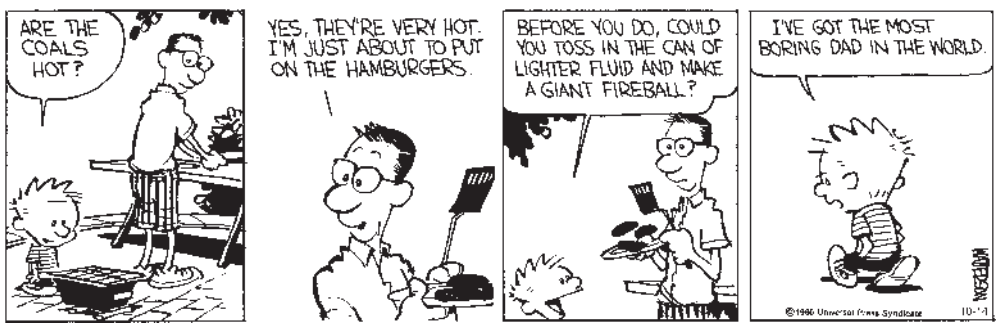
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


ARE THE COALS HOT?
YES, THEY'RE VERY HOT. I'M JUST ABOUT TO PUT ON THE HAMBURGERS.
BEFORE YOU DO, COULD YOU TOSS IN THE CAN OF LIGHTER FLUID AND MAKE A GIANT FIREBALL?
I'VE GOT THE MOST BORING DAD IN THE WORLD.
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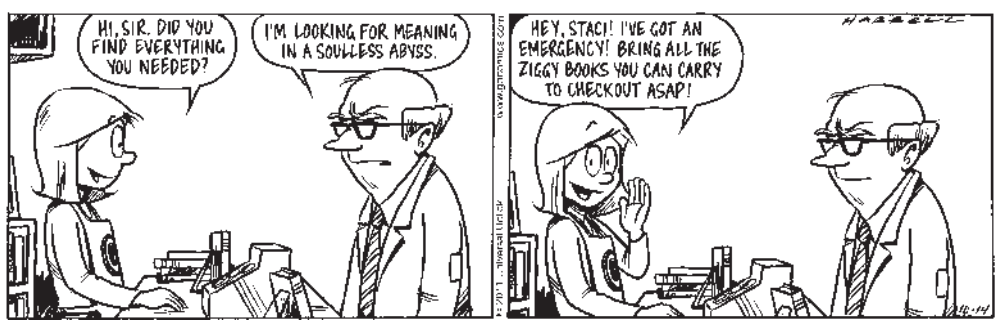
HI, SIR. DID YOU FIND EVERYTHING YOU NEEDED?
I'M LOOKING FOR MEANING IN A SOULLESS ABYSS.
HEY, STACI! I'VE GOT AN EMERGENCY! BRING ALL THE ZIGGY BOOKS YOU CAN CARRY TO CHECKOUT ASAP!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Cleo's slayer
4 Not many
8 Manufactured
12 Debtor's letters
13 Continental coin
14 Teen's skin woe
15 Tyrannize
17 "Let's Make a —"
18 Tooth coating
19 Spectra automaker
21 Faux —
22 Part of A.D.
26 Seethes
29 Prohibit
30 Moines lead-in
31 Bohemian
32 Festive
33 Dog bane
34 Born
35 Understood
36 Toboggans
37 "Blueberry Hill" singer
39 Whatever number
40 Pie ingredient?
41 Praying bug
45 "— and Circumstance"
48 "The Two Mrs. Grenvilles" author Dunne
50 Actress Falco
51 Kazakhstan's — Sea
52 Mainlander's memento
53 Healthy
54 Longings
55 Recipe meas.

DOWN
1 Helper
2 Any minute now
3 Cougar
4 Son of Aphrodite
5 Gas, oil, et al.
6 Before
7 9-to-5 period, e.g.
8 Sir's counterpart
9 Expert
10 "CSI" evidence
11 Lamprey, for one
16 Suggest
20 Charged bit
23 Between jobs
24 Gotta have
25 "Handsome — ..."
26 Musical combo
27 Sandwich cookie
28 Particular
29 Cudgel
32 Farewell address?
33 Swashbuckling movie star
35 Wildebeest
36 Escargots
38 Urge on
39 Jordan's capital
42 Pinball no-no
43 Clinches
44 Omit
45 Church seating
46 Idolater's writing
47 Wire measure
49 Galena, for one

Solution time: 25 mins.

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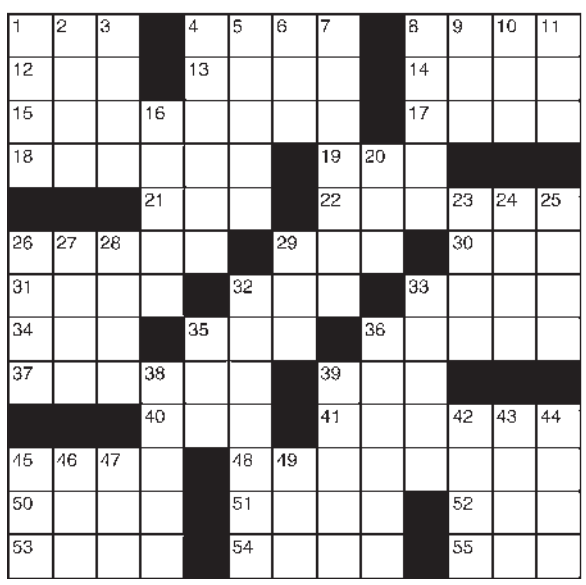
Yesterday's answer 10-14



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Stacy Keibler, 32; Usher, 33; Natalie Maines, 37; Roger Moore, 84.

Happy Birthday: Don't allow indecisiveness to limit your chance to excel. You must size up situations and make things happen. You are either in the game of life or sitting on the sidelines. If you want to complain, you have to participate. Your ability to express ideas and make suggestions will be well-received. Your numbers are 6, 9, 15, 20, 29, 36, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Put greater effort into your partnerships. Even if you don't agree with someone, be diplomatic. Avoiding confrontation will ensure opportunity. Love is highlighted. Enrich a new or old relationship with a show of affection. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Criticism will lead to trouble. Look for the positive in every situation and you can avoid an argument. Too much of anything will be frowned upon by someone who is important to you. Keep track of your time and your spending habits. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take care of matters that can affect your finances. Don't leave important documents for someone else to handle. Deal with institutions or government agencies with speed and accuracy. Hard work, coupled with originality, will help you excel. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): An opportunity will arise if you offer your services to an organization you respect. Love is in the stars, and mingling with other singles or doing something special with your current partner will enhance your love life. Go shopping and update your image. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't make assumptions, or you will be disappointed. Promises are not likely to be kept. As charming as you may be, someone will find fault with what you do or say. Fix up your surroundings, but stay within your budget. Protect your assets. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): You need to get away and explore new people, places and things. Socializing and participating in events will help you gain confidence. An opportunity to impress someone special will lead to personal rewards. Consider making a residential or lifestyle change. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Someone from your past may offer to help you out, but find out what's expected in return before accepting. Work hard and reap rewards based on your own merit. Your success will overrule someone who tends to brag. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Let your charm and experience shine through. Love is highlighted, and taking time to reinforce your feelings for someone will pay off. Someone will surprise you with unusual information that can alter your current professional status. Don't feel you have to make a hasty decision. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): It's time to consider making some alterations that will help you financially, emotionally or physically. Cutting down your overhead or investing in something that will grow in value

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should be your goal. Don't overindulge or overspend on luxury items. ✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take any opportunity you get to bring loved ones closer together. Make changes to your home that will encourage everyone to participate in your plans. Travel will not bring you the results you hoped for. Do whatever needs doing from the comfort of home. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Work toward your goal, even if someone you love complains. It's vital that you don't take on too much. Someone will misinterpret what you say if you aren't specific. Don't take chances when dealing with people looking for a handout. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): An opportunity to hook up with someone from your past will pay off. A financial opportunity is apparent. Making a change to the way you live or do things will also help to lower your overhead and increase your intake. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are inquisitive, inventive and gifted. You think outside the box.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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	9		6	5		2	7	
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 10/14

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

7	5	8	9	4	1	6	2	3
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6	8	9	5	2	4	1	3	7
5	3	6	8	1	9	7	4	2
2	1	7	4	3	5	9	8	6
8	9	4	2	6	7	3	5	1

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/13

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

SCHEDULING YOUR LIFE **Solution: 8 letters**

A	C	C	S	Y	L	I	A	D	R	E	I	S	A	E
C	O	M	F	O	R	T	S	T	S	I	L	T	V	R
C	U	V	V	P	L	A	N	S	N	I	I	A	A	P
O	R	E	E	F	A	V	L	V	M	M	S	E	L	O
M	A	C	F	R	E	E	E	P	E	T	Y	A	R	S
P	G	I	O	A	C	S	R	S	N	T	Y	G	Ⓖ	T
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H	N	S	R	N	N	B	K	Z	R	G	J	E	U	K
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Yesterday's Answer: Kansas City

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EMPLOYMENT

8 Janitors & Cleaners. Salary-$5.05-$5.50/hr. MTO Maintenance (Saipan), Inc. Email resume to: admin@mtosaipan.com

2 Generator Techinician. Salary-$5.05 - $14.00/hr. Elliott Systems LLC. Email resume to: jeff@elliottsystemsllc.com

ASC Construction is looking for 1-ProjectManager-$16.92/hr.-$17.00/ hr. Must have Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. Min. 10 years experience as Project Manager. Mail resume to PMB 885 Box 10001, Saipan MP 96950. No phone calls please

1 Architect. Degree required. 5 yrs exp. Utility residential design ACAD v2011. Send resume to P.O. Box 505339

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2 All around beautician. At least over 5 yrs experience. Pls call 235-4865 or 788-4865. Brianna Beauty Salon.

1-Commercial Cleaner, $5.05 per hour; 1-General Maintenance, $5.05 per hour. No phone calls please Mail resume to Chalan Kiya Apt. Circle at PO Box 502418, Saipan, MP 96950

1-General Maintenance, $5.05 per hour. No phone calls please Mail resume to Matilde Fejeran at PO Box 502418, Saipan, MP 96950

1-Accountant, $5.05-$6.50 per hour Mail resume to RR & Associates at PO Box 504039, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 233-8391

EMPLOYMENT

1 Administrative/Accounting Clerk, $5.50 to $6.50: Must have more than 5 years experience in accounting work; at least 6 months work experience in public accounting office; at least 4 years work experience in administrative position and exposure working with the company executives; knowledge in Quickbooks, Peachtree, FAS & tax software. Please send your resume at P.O. Box 503198, Saipan MP 96950 (Ernst & Young (CNMI), Inc.)

1-Commercial cleaner $5.05/hr. min. of 5 yrs. experience. Send resume to P.O.Box 5545 CHRB Saipan. JH Ent.

3-Cooks, $5.05 /hr., 5 yrs. experience, will work at 3:00 AM. Call D' Pirates Bar & Catering Services @ 235-3663.

1-Waitress, $5.05/hr., must have 5 yrs. experience, pleasing personality, knows how to entertain customers, flexible work schedule. Call D' Pirates Bar & Catering Services @ 235-3663.

1-Aircon Technician, $5.05-$7.00/ hr., 10yrs. experience, knowledge in centralized aircon & industrial electricity, will work day or night. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

1-Maintenance, $5.05/hr., 5 yrs. experience, willing to work day or night. Call Nokalimi Office Rental @ 888-9161.

1-Accountant, $5.05/hr., 7 yrs. experience, knowledge in Quickbooks software. Call T&G Aircon & Refrigeration Services @ 888-9161.

1 – Beautician $ 5.05/hr. 2 yrs. exp. Send resume to E & M Beauty Salon P.O. Box 484 San Jose Tinian MP 96952. Tel. 433-4560

S.K.Y. Inc. is looking for (1) Japanese/English Translator $ 6.00/ hr. 5 yrs. exp. Send resume to iikaori330@yahoo.co.jp

EMPLOYMENT

USG Investments, Inc. is looking for (1) Ground Maintenance - $.5.55/hr. min. 5 yrs. exp. E-mail resume to jessp96950mm@yahoo.com

MAC Corporation is looking for (1) Tint Installer-$5.05/hr. 10 yrs. exp. E-mail resume to maccation@gmail.com

1 Accountant, Salary $5.05-$7.00/ hr. Bachelors Degree in Accounting w/ 5 years experience. Knowledgeable with AccountEdge Premium Accounting Software. Allied Marine Surveyors, Ltd. Email resume to allied@pticom.com

5 Technician, College Graduate 3 yrs. min experience. Minimum salary. Know how to repair computer, electronics, engine.
Calvatron JR 233-5641

8 Masseuse–Royal Thai Massage. 1 yr experience, green card or US citizen preferred pls call 234-2521

(1) Title Support Specialist. Send resume to SECURITY TITLE INC PO Box 5049 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950 or email: securitytitle@pticom.com

Sales Rep. $5.05 p/h. At least 2 yrs exp; Must provide own car; can work on weekends & holidays. Yoyi's Catering. 2883738

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Manager. College grad; At least 3 yrs exp; knows MS Word/Excel; Can wrk weekends, nights, holidays. Yoyi's Catering. 2883738

2 Mandarin Teachers–w/ 2 yrs experience. Pls call 233-3988. Chinese Association of Saipan. Chinese Education Center

EMPLOYMENT

1-Violin Instructor. 5 years experience. Doremi Music School. Tel: 233-7777

(13) Mason, (5) Carpenter, (1) Plumber. 5 years experience. Email resume to landmark@pticom.com

Anaks Resort Development. Inc. is in need of : 1-Office Manager. Minimum of 5 years experience in Property Management. 1-Maintenance Mechanic, 1-Plumber, 1-Electrician, 1-Commercial Cleaner. Minimum of 5 years experience. Email resume to anaks.office@gmail.com

United Front Co., Ltd. is looking for the ff: 1-Manager, 1-Scuba Diving Instructor, 1-Mechanic. Must be PADI Certified. Minimum of 5 years experience. Email resume to unifrocolt@yahoo.com

Marianas Resort Development Co., Inc. is looking for1-Office Manager, Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to covalee12@yahoo.com

U.S. Saipan-China Hotel Co., Ltd. is looking for 1-Operations Manager, 1-Tour Coordinator. Min. 2 years experience in hotel business. E-mail resume to usschotelcolt@yahoo.com

Flower Corporation is looking for 1-Scuba Diving Operations Manager. 1-Scuba Diving Instructor. Must be PADI Certified Min. 5 years experience. E-mail resume to corporation.flower@gmail.com

4JC Corporation needs:
(1) Accountant. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Min. 5 yrs work exp in Financial Statements preparation. Knowledge of PIII Acctg software Salary $5.05–13.50/hr.

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Administrative Services Manager
Requires: College degree with 4 years progressive administrative/human resource management experience. Must have well-developed written/oral communication and management skills. Must be computer literate with experience in HRIS and timekeeping systems and various Microsoft software. Manages Company administrative and HR functions, ensuring standards and deadlines are met. Also oversees Airport parking booth operations and serves as the Company Quality Management Representative.

Accounting Manager
Requires: College degree with financial management major and 3 years of progressive financial management experience. Minimum of 5 years experience in directing the preparation of financial reports and implementing cash management activities. Excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills to manage people. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software. CPA not required.

Passenger Service Manager
Requires: AA/AS degree with 8 years of progressive airline passenger service experience, with 3 of the 8 in supervisory capacity. Directs and coordinates airline station activities to provide passenger services for scheduled flight operations; liaises with client airlines. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations.

Assistant Passenger Service Manager
Requires: AA/AS degree with 6 years of progressive airline passenger service experience, with 3 of the 6 in supervisory capacity. Supervises passenger service agents and liaises with the customer airline to resolve any concerns regarding flight handling operations. Serves as Ground Security Coordinator and as trainer in various airline passenger service systems. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, ICAO, IATA, TSA, local airport and airline regulations.

Aircraft Maintenance, Ground Support Equipment and Aircraft Servicing Manager
Requires: AS degree in Aviation Maintenance Engineering with 10 years of progressive experience as a licensed A&P (airframe & power plant) Technician. Oversees the activities of Aircraft Maintenance Technicians; supervises all aircraft repair and services; supervises required interior and exterior cleaning of aircraft. Must hold current U.S. FAA A&P License and certified in various aircraft-types maintenance. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, ICAO, IATA, local airport and airline regulations.

Flight Operations and Ramp Service Manager
Requires: AA/AS degree with 8 years of progressive airline ramp operations and flight dispatch experience, with 3 of the 8 in supervisory capacity. Directs and coordinates activities of the ramp and flight dispatch operations in accordance with the airline policy and FAA, TSA, local airport regulation and established company policies and procedures. Must be knowledgeable with FAA, local airport and airline regulations and be US FAA licensed as an Aircraft Dispatcher.

Aircraft Service Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Performs interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Lead Aircraft Service Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing interior cleaning of various aircraft to include cabins, lavatories and galleys. Knowledgeable in use of different kinds of cleaning equipment, tools and materials. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Ramp Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Operates equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to learn how to operate specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Lead Ramp Agent (2)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading operations. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, operating equipment for loading and off-loading baggage/cargo to and from the aircraft for both commercial and freight aircraft. Ability to teach operation of specialized equipment for aircraft servicing and ramp operations. Must be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (6)
Requires: Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Performs various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Lead Aircraft Maintenance Technician
Requires: AS Degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering with 4 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the manager, performing various repairs on aircraft airframe and power plants and other required services to ensure airworthiness. Must be skilled in use of specialized aircraft testing equipment and hold current U.S. FAA A&P License or an equivalent foreign license.

Cargo Agent
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 2 years experience as a cargo handler. Handles and accepts cargoes according to the IATA, FAA, TSA, local airport, airlines and company regulations. Prepares documents for out-going and transfer cargoes. Must be able to operate forklift and other cargo-handling equipment and be able to lift 70 pounds. Must be computer-literate and capable of learning the use of the CSP Cargo Trac System. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Lead Cargo Agent (2)
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Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (2)
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive/diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment. Performs mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must also be skilled in parts fabrication. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic Supervisor
Requires: Diploma from technical/vocational course on automotive gas/diesel engines with minimum of 4 years experience, 2 of the 4 years in a supervisory capacity, in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas/diesel engine maintenance. Plans work and supervises GSE mechanics in performing mechanical and electrical repairs, welding repairs, corrosion treatment and painting on all GSE equipment and vehicles. Must be able to obtain CNMI driver license.

Passenger Service Agent (Chinese Translator)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Assists passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills in both English and Chinese. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Lead Passenger Service Agent (3)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with 4 years experience in passenger or customer service. Heads shift or work project, as directed by the supervisor, assisting passengers by answering inquiries regarding flight information/booking/reservations, checking-in out-bound passengers and luggage and assisting them in boarding flights, assisting in-bound passengers through immigration and customs. Must be computer-literate with excellent oral and written communication skills. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Load Planning Specialist
Requires: Associates Degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operation experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

Senior Load Planning Specialist
Requires: Associates Degree with 4 years of load planning experience with specific airline certification as a load planner. Ensures that aircraft load is distributed and secured in accordance with aircraft weight and balance requirements, ensuring that the aircraft's operational or structural limitations are not exceeded. Prepares monthly flight activity reports. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

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OPENING DATE: Oct. 7, 2011 CLOSING DATE: Oct. 24, 2011

The NMI Retirement Fund is seeking one or more professional and motivated individual(s) to work in a challenging environment as a Litigation Counsel for the Fund. Salary range is $60,000+ depending on relevant experience. Benefits are commensurate with the responsibilities assigned to the successful candidate and in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Interested applicants must submit their **application, resume, Certificate of Good Standing (from the CNMI or a state court), and police clearance.** The complete package is available from the Fund, located on Capitol Hill, Saipan; or by e-mail through the Fund Administrator. **Mailed and hand delivered packages must be marked "JVA11-006 Confidential," and must have the applicant's name and return address on the outside of the envelope.**

Richard S. Villagomez, Administrator
NMI Retirement Fund
P.O. Box 501247
Saipan, MP 96950-1247
E-mail: administrator01@nmiretirement.com

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

3 - Amusement Machine Servicers and Repairer/Electronic Technician - $5.05 - $5.25 / hr
AD in Electronics w/ 3 yrs exp. in trouble shooting, repair and maintenance of video slot machines. Know how to test electronic components & circuit boards to determine cause of malfunction and ability to fix minor & major problem. W/ valid driver's license. Can work flexible hours.

1- Gaming Change Persons and Booth Cashier
$5.05/hour
3 yrs exp. Safeguard game room's change funds and ensure no shortages/overages incurred. Prepare accurate and reconciled game room reports. Math proficient, skillful in using calculator and other computing machines, and trustworthy. Can work flexible hours.

1- Building Custodian / Cleaner - $5.05
3 yrs exp. Monitor premises' security and safety. Service & clean restrooms, game room, & other areas, vacuum carpets and floors. Monitor supplies or equipment. Perform minor repairs to cooling, plumbing systems. Ability to lift & move heavy supplies and objects. Can work flexible hours.

Send resume to ANL_HRD3@yahoo.com no later than October 21, 2011
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is currently seeking a FULL TIME SALES RENTAL AGENT

Good customer service skills • Energetic & detail oriented • Affluent computer skills • Minimum 2 years experience in sales • Clean driving record • English & Japanese speaking preferred

Fax resume to (670) 532-0801 or mail to P.O. Box 1385, Rota MP 96951

1 PRIVATE HOUSE HOLD

Minimum of 5-10 yrs experience
$ 5.05/hr

Bespren Development Corp,
dba Carefree Services
Please contact Rudy at 233-6927

Grace Christian Academy
is looking for:

Accountant (2) needed:
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting
5 or more years accounting in
Christian school Proficiency in
Accountrak/School Minder programs

Download application at www.gca-nmi-com and submit at Grace Christian Academy

Grace Christian Assembly
is looking for:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's degree in Accounting
5 or more years in Church Accounting
Willing to work on flexible time.

Get application at Grace Christian Assembly, 1:30 to 3:30 PM, Tuesday to Friday.

Three (3) years minimum experience as a professional musician. Must have the ability to sing and play lead guitar and/or bass guitar. Competent in the use of musical sequencer/PA systems and able to perform several musical styles/music genre. Experience as sound technician is an advantage. Email resume to mapagahes@gmail.com.

YUTA CORPORATON

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Office Manager. Salary $1,800.00 p/m
(1) Office Supervisor. Salary $900.00 p/m
(1) Accountant. Salary $5.05 p/h

4 – 5 years working experience required.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

AUDITOR
Opening: October 12, 2011 to October 22, 2011

Job description: Duties include performing audit risk assessment procedures; performing test of internal controls related to financial statement audit in accordance with GAAP in the US and compliance audits in accordance with the applicable standards; performing detailed substantive audit procedures; preparing draft Audit Reports and Financial Statements; and performing compilation, review and agreed-upon procedure engagements.

Qualification: Graduate of BS Accountancy or related degrees, with at least 3 years experience in auditing private, government and not-for-profit organization. **Salary:** $26,500 per annum

Interested applicants may fax their resume at J. Scott Magliari & Co at 670-233-8214 or email at jsm@magliari-cpa.com on or before October 22, 2011.

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Maintenance & Repair Worker. Wage range $5.05 per hour.

Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting; insulating; welding; machining; carpentry; masonry, repairing electrical or mechanical equipment; installing, aligning, and balancing new equipment; and repairing buildings, floors, or stairs. Applicant will be responsible for maintaining and servicing employer's private home as well as rental properties owned by employer and employer's family, employer's office, contracted for residences and commercial spaces and commercial building area. High school level, or an equivalent of at least 15 years of continued experience in maintenance and/or construction related trades. Must know how to operate a large variety of power equipment safely and in a non-destructive manner. Must be significantly skilled in masonry and carpentry and plumbing. Must arrive for work on time, all of the time. Must be able to work nights, weekends, and holidays, as required. Must be able to plan and execute repair and maintenance work in a self-contained environment. Must be able to read, and write basic English and speak and understand spoken English well. Able to converse in Tagalog or other non-English languages preferred. Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must have no criminal history and be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test. Please email complete resume to Seanfrink@gmail.com by October 18.

WUSHIN CORPORATION

P.O. Box 500440, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel: 322-7415/8733

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1-LPG Equipment/Tanker Mechanic
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.95 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience in the relevant field
- Repair LPG equipment and LPG tanker truck
- Ability in following safety practices, and recognizing and eliminating hazards and knowledge in established LPG Plant procedures and standards.
- Training is required in Hazardous Materials, HAZWOPER and other Safety training
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1-LPG Tank Truck Driver
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience as LPG Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to operate and load LPG at filling rack and read gauges or meters
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1-LPG Maintenance Technician
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience in the relevant field
- Ability to perform LPG equipment installation and monitoring of loading/offloading of LPG from isotainer to LPG storage tank
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1 Accountant/Bookkeeper
Salary: $ 5.05 - $ 5.85 per hour, Full time
- Must have 5 years work related experience
- Familiar with LPG business activities
- Knowledge in Peachtree/Quickbooks software

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

General Manager (1 position) $2,500 per month
- Knowledgeable in electrical products, retail/wholesale stores procedures to include: quotations, sales, payments, materials ordering, receiving, warehousing, and distribution.
- Familiar in electrical materials pricing in CNMI, including latest electrical products
- Must have knowledge in Point of Sales system and have experience in managing store/maintenance staff
- Have experience in importing/exporting electrical products, via air or shipping (Guam, Korea, USA)
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers
- Must be bilingual (English & Korean Language), with at least 5 years work experience as Procurement Manager

Bidding Manager (1 position) $1,800 per month
- Knowledgeable in Project Contracting Activity Standards such as; Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), USACE, NAVFAC, CNMI Procurement, CNMI ARRA
- Knowledgeable in International Construction Standards; NEC, EM 385-1-1, OSHA, CNMI, and local government laws.
- Have ability to detailing project scope of works and requirements
- Have ability to read and analyze electrical plans, wiring diagram, layout, and technical specifications
- Knowledgeable in project estimate and project schedule (BOM/BOQ, labor cost, equipment cost, material specifications, etc.)
- Must be Licensed Electrical Engineer, with at least 5 years experience in Federal Project Contracting Activity

Assistant Office Manager (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in preparing bank and other government agencies documents, lease agreements, monthly billings, collection reports, bank reconciliation, wire transfers requests, online transactions, and all other correspondences with vendors and customers
- Have experience in renewal of business licenses, permits, filing of various tax returns;
- Have experience representing company when dispute arises (CUC, Tax & Revenue, Zoning, and Division of Customs)
- Must be proficient in Peachtree Accounting software. Knowledgeable in accounting system (payroll, receivable/payable, withholding taxes, FICA tax, BGR tax, annual corporate tax, 1040 tax and all other types of tax required from a corporate company)
- College graduate, with at least 5 years experience in accounting system, office management and administration

Computer Programmer (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in computer system (networking, programming), CCTV system, and communication system
- Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures
- Knowledgeable in Point of Sales software system, record of sales, stocks inventory, data base, and networking
- Familiar in sales operations, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 5 years experience in Computer Programming/Networking

Electrical Maintenance Supervisor (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Experience in building inspection, maintenance, repair, safety measures, housekeeping and waste management
- Ability to handle tenants maintenance work request (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, carpentry, and others)
- Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Familiar in maintenance tools and equipment, building materials and appliances, and equipment spare parts
- Must be bilingual (English & Chinese Language), with at least 2 years experience in building management system

Electrician (2 positions) $5.05 per hour
- Knowledgeable in electrical system installations in accordance with NEC and local government standards
- Knowledgeable in electrical product sales, stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Have experience dealing and negotiating with customers and suppliers (product quotation, usage, benefits)
- Knowledgeable in electrical market conditions, product innovations, and competitor's products prices.
- Must have driver's license, with at least 5 years experience in electrical installation and product sales

Carpenter (1 position) $5.05 per hour
- Have experience in construction building repairs and maintenance (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws
- Knowledgeable in using maintenance tools and equipment (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and others)
- Familiar with stocks inventory, receiving, distribution, and delivery to project sites
- Must have at least 15 years experience in construction and building maintenance, repairs, and installation

Interested applicants may send resume to hongeei@pticom.com. No phone call please.
HONG ELECTRIC ENTERPRISES, INC.

DIAMOND CARE

Diamond Home Health Care

Tel.: 235-2274 or 285-2247
Fax.: 235-2275

Job opening for following positions:

REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE
PHYSICAL THERAPIST
MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Submit your resume at Diamond Home Health Care office located in Middle Road, Gualo Rai area, next door from the Family Outlet and adjacent to Sherwin-Williams building. For more information call the above numbers and ask for Jess.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT-WINCHELL'S DONUTS

a. 1 vacancy for **Store Manager**. Wage range $7.50 per hour and up, depending on qualifications. College level. Must have at least 5 years of continued experience in managing bakery or similar operations. Must be able to manage 15 or more people and more than 1 store. Must be computer literate. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

b. 3 vacancies for **Store Supervisor**. Wage range $5.25 to $7.50 per hour depending on qualifications. College level. Must have at least 4-5 years of continued experience in supervising bakery operations. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

c. 8 vacancies for **Sales Associates**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level. Must have at least 4-5 years of continued experience in sales. Must know how to operate a cash register or POS system. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be computer literate. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

d. 6 vacancies for **Donut Makers/Bakers**. Wage range $5.05 to $5.25 per hour. High school level. Must have at least 3 years experience in baking. Knowledge in operating a cash register or POS system preferred. Must be customer-service oriented. Must be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Must be confident in doing basic mathematical skills. Must be able to read, write and speak basic English. Able to converse in basic Japanese or other foreign languages highly preferred.

Additional requirements: All applicants must be of good health and good moral character, must be able to follow grooming standards, must be able to provide current police and court clearance, must be able to obtain health certificate, must have a reliable transportation and must agree to a drug test.

Please get application forms and submit them at our Winchell's Garapan location from 8am to 12noon or email them to dennys@guam.net

NEW POSITION

DELTA MANAGEMENT CORPORATION – SAIPAN
Has an opening for an
Accountant or Accounting Clerk

For established small business
Must demonstrate understanding
of accounting controls
Responsible for daily, weekly
and monthly sales reports
and bank and credit card reconciliation
Daily and shift auditing
Responsible for maintaining G/L and
preparing month end P&L
Prepare payroll and Qtrly Tax reports
Must demonstrate excellent Word and Excel skills
Experience with Quick Books and ACCPAC
accounting programs

Must demonstrate ability to communicate
effectively in English
Able to adhere to and meet reporting deadlines

Full Time Employment
5 years accounting experience
On island References & Police Clearance Required

Applications must be submitted
by Saturday October 15th.
Fax Resume to 670-321-1668
or Call 670-287-7037

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
FOR THE FOLLOWING OPENINGS

Administrative Assistant

MUST HAVE
- Computer skills and be proficient in Microsoft Apps
- Strong general record keeping background & experience
- Student record keeping experience
- A minimum of 3 years experience in bookkeeping
- A clear understanding of Federal and CNMI tax laws
- A minimum of 3 years financial management experience
- The ability to prepare financial reports
- Effective communication skills with parents and students

Salary: $950.00 per month

Elementary Teacher

MUST HAVE
- A minimum of 3 years experience teaching upper elementary
- A strong background in and experience with Abeka Book Curriculum
- A Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education

Salary: $1,500.00 per month

Grounds Keeper and Maintenance

MUST HAVE
- At least a high diploma
- Ability to maintain large scale grounds and building operations
- Basic skills needed in general maintenance and repair
- Experience in overall industrial grounds maintenance
- Experience in overall industrial building maintenance

Salary: $890.00 per month

Cook

MUST HAVE
- Strong background in culinary skills
- Large scale meal preparations skills
- Dietary management skills
- Kitchen management experience
- Industrial kitchen experience

Salary: $828.00 per month

INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR AND WORKING IN THE ABOVE POSITIONS MUST

1. **Adhere to all church and school policies**
2. **Submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the church and school**
3. **BE ACTIVE and FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**
4. **Provide his or her own housing, food, and transportation**

Interested applicants can come to the school and pick up an application.
Applications and resumes must be received before October 19, 2011.
Completed applications must be submited to Calvary Christian Academy in Chalan Kiya, Saipan
For further information please call 234-6026

Job Vacancy Announcement – Chong's Corp.

One (1) SALES ENGINEER - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Sells HVACR mechanical, electrical and related equipment, parts, supplies with required professional engineering knowledge and judgment on product recommendation
- Prepares estimates on equipment, parts, supplies or services as needed
- Knowledgeable in Building Management System
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans & specifications and prepare shop drawing

One (1) ACCOUNTANT - Salary $1,200 - $2,500/monthly
- Prepare tax returns, tax payments & financial reports and verify its accuracy and conformance with Standard Accounting principle
- Monitor daily transactions, prepare journal entries and record into Peachtree Accounting program
- Handle customer billings, collections, cash receipts, payment & payroll
- Knowledgeable in Peachtree Accounting program and Microsoft office
- Bachelor's degree in Accounting required

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION - Salary $5.05 - $8.00/hr
- Install , service and repair of ventilation, central air conditioning and refrigeration systems
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT control systems and electrical/electronic control systems
- Repair and service of chilled water air conditioning system
- EPA Section 608 and R-410A Certification required

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER - Salary $5.05 - $7.00/hr
- Fabricate, assemble, install and repair sheet metal products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes and furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- All above must possess good communication skill and minimum 10-year experience required

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER - Salary $5.05/hr
- Perform duties to maintain and clean office & private residence in an orderly manner
- Perform basic household chores
- Must be honest, responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and police clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

HOLLYWOOD NAIL ART

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(2) Nail Designer. Salary $5.05 p/h.
5 years working experience in Nail Art.
Chinese, Japanese, and
Korean speaking preferred.

Interested U.S. Citizen applicants,
please call 285-8629

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Landscaping/Maintenance
$5.05/hr

Duties: Bush-cutting, trimming, raking, disposing of trash & debris, planting, minor plumbing, electrical, carpentry, masonry and other related duties as assigned.

Pls. contact Jose B. Aldan at
288-1947, 9am-5pm.

WANTED: US Workers Only

MARKETING MANAGER AND GRAPHIC DESIGNER
Must be fluent in Mandarin w/ at least 5 yrs experience.

DIVE MASTER
Must be fluent in Mandarin w/ at least 3 yrs experience.
Minimum wage.
Send resume to KDC at P.O. Box 10003 PMB 1175

(3) Tour & Marketing Coordinator
2 yrs working experience.
Preferably fluent in Japanese, Chinese & English (oral & written).

Interested qualified US workers must submit their application/resume with police clearance to

KENTO Enterprises, Inc.
office or email kento_ad@live.jp.
No phone calls please.

1 Goldsmith/Precious Metal Worker - $5.50/hr
Minimum of 5 years experience. Must be knowledgeable in Gold & Silver Jewelry repair, fabricating Hawaiian style, gem stone setting, mounting & related work

1-Accountant - $5.05/hr
Minimum of 3-4 years experience w/ college degree. Must have a knowledge in jewelries, precious stone inventory.

Mail resume to King's Inc. P.O. Box 5050 CHRB Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax 234-8868

LC CORPORATION, INC.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) Manager – Tour Operation.
Salary $1,800.00 p/m.
Minimum 5 years work related experience.
Korean language speaking preferred.

Interested U.S. Citizen must fax resume to 233-3703

MVN IS NEED OF

Physical Therapist
Registered Nurse
Home Health Aide

Please submit your resume at Marianas Visiting Nurses.
Tel.: 323-6877

AUGUSTIN R. AYUYU
dba LI LAI GANG MARKET

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
Opening Date: October 13, 2011
Closing Date: October 19, 2011

(1) **Store Manager.** Salary: $6.00-$7.00 p/h. Must have 5 yrs experience in managing retail operations. Chinese language highly preferred. A valid driver's license required. Flexible time is required. Honest & trustworthy.

(1) **Sales Person.** Salary: $5.05 p/h. Minimum of 5 yrs work-related experience. Must know how to operate cash register. A valid driver's license required. Flexible time is also required. Honest & trustworthy.

Interested applicants must have their own reliable transportation.

Applicants must submit their resume at **LI LAI GANG Market**, located near David Market in Koblerville. **NO PHONE CALLS.**

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

3-Beautician (all around)
$ 5.05/hr

1-Supervisor Beautician
(all around)
Min. 5 to 10 yrs experience
$ 5.05/hr

Bespren Development Corp,
dba Exquisitie Beauty Salon

Please contact Rudy
at 233-6927

CYC Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

Open Date: 10/12/11 Closing Date: 10/18/2011

1 **Store Manager.** Salary: $6.00-7.00 p/h. Must have 5 yrs experience in managing retail operations. Chinese speaking highly preferred. Valid Drivers License required. Availability to work evenings, holidays, and weekends. Honest and Trustworthy.

1 **Accountant.** Salary: $5.05-6.05 p/h. Bachelor in Accountancy. 5 yrs experience. Knowledge of Federal and CNMI tax laws (can compute and file taxes). Knowledge in purchasing inventory, payroll and bank reconciliation. Ability to prepare financial reports. Proficient in MS Excel, MSWord and Accounting software.

Interested applicants must have their own transportation.

Applicants may submit their resume at **CYA Koblerville Market**, located near St. Jude Church in Koblerville. **No phone calls.**

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

D & W ENTERPRISES, INC
P.O. Box 500440, Saipan, MP 96950 • Tel: 322-7415/8733

1-Diesel Tank Truck Driver
Salary: $5.05 - $5.55 per hour, Full time
- Must have 7 years experience as Diesel Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to operate and load Diesel at filling rack and read gauges or meters
- Training is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers License certificates is required

1 Accountant/Bookkeeper
Salary: $1,000.00-$1,300.00 monthly. Full time
- Must have 5 years work related experience in accounting
- Familiar with Diesel business activities
- Knowledge in Peachtree software

SAIPAN CREWBOATS INC.

CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Almost every job now held by an alien in Commonwealth will soon be available and qualified U.S. Citizens. Jobs currently held by foreign workers will require a new federal permit. The new federal transitional worker program will require employers to hire available qualified U.S. Citizens or green card holders before hiring or re-hiring aliens as transitional workers.

Therefore, our company is inviting interested U.S. Citizens, U.S. green card holders and FAS work authorized citizens to apply to for employment with us.

Our job categories include but are not limited to:
2-Marine Engineer
1-Marine Engine Mechanic
1-Electrician
2-Maintenance

We are an equal opportunity employer and comply with all CNMI laws relevant to employment. All qualified candidates will receive serious consideration.

Apply by mail only to:
Saipan Crewboats Inc.
Attn: Michelle Hamilton
PMB 170 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950

SAIPAN MARINE CORP.

CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Our job categories include but are not limited to:
1-Head Marine Engineer
2-Marine Engineer
1-Marine Engine Mechanic
1-Pump Operator
1-Maintenance

We are an equal opportunity employer and comply with all CNMI laws relevant to employment. All qualified candidates will receive serious consideration.

Apply by mail only to:
Saipan Marine Corp.
Attn: Michelle Hamilton
PMB 170 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950

SEABRIDGE INC.

CITIZEN JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Our job categories include but are not limited to:
1-Marine Engine Mechanic
1-Shipfitter
1-Welder
1-Electrician
1-Maintenance

We are an equal opportunity employer and comply with all CNMI laws relevant to employment. All qualified candidates will receive serious consideration.

Apply by mail only to:
Seabridge Inc. (Saipan)
Attn: Michelle Hamilton
PMB 170 PPP Box 10000, Saipan MP 96950

L&T Group of Companies is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

Business Operations Manager
Graduate of a 4-year degree course and with a minimum of 8 years of professional progressive management experience and at least 4 years of general management experience in property management and building maintenance. Knowledge of lease negotiations plus financial and quality management is required. Must have a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives.

Sales Officer
Associate's Degree in Sales or Marketing and at least 3 years work related experience are required. Must have his/her own reliable transportation. Must be able to meet monthly sales targets and have extensive contacts in various industries. Must be able to prepare management and sales reports and is proficient in various MS office software operations. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

General Maintenance Worker (14)
High school diploma or GED certificate or any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and electrical wiring; standard practices and use a variety of hand and power tools used in the maintenance and repair of building facilities. Must be able to work flexible hours. Can work outdoors.

Administrative Assistant (4)
Associate's Degree. Must be proficient in typing and good at written and oral communication. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Air conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanic
Associate's Degree or Vocational School graduate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, servicing, and repairing air conditioning and refrigerating systems in residences and commercial establishments. Must have his/her own reliable transportation and must be able to work flexible hours.

Electrician
High school diploma or GED certificate. Must have at least 2 years experience installing, maintaining, and/or repairing electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Must have knowledge of electrical codes, intercom and electrical control systems. Must be able to work flexible hours.

Housekeeper (8)
High school diploma or GED Certificate. Dependable attendance, hard working and follows directions well. Must be available to work early mornings, late nights and weekends.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Salaries will be commensurate with qualification and experience. For applications to be considered, they should be sent to hrd_l&t@tanholdings.com not later than October 21, 2011.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

Job Vacancy Announcement

One (1) Health Safety & Environmental Officer
College level, plus 5 years experience as health and safety inspector. Applicant must be proficient in written and oral communications. Computer literate: Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point. Applicant must be up-to-date with current legislations on Health Safety & Environmental. Applicant should have project management experience and knowledge of the operations of power plant. Applicant must have a valid driver's license.

One (1) Administrative Assistant
College level, plus 5 years experience working in industrial company. Computer literate: Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook. Applicant must be proficient with using Peachtree Accounting software. Applicant must have excellent written and oral communication skills. Applicant must have international purchasing experience, and understanding of basic technical specifications. Applicant must have a valid driver's license.

Two (2) Power Plant Operator
Applicants must be college level, plus 5 years experience in power plant operations. Applicants must be able to operate low and high voltage switchgear.

Two (2) Power Plant Mechanic
Technical School graduate, plus 5 years experience as power plant mechanic with diesel engine experience. Applicants must be able to repair EMD, Nordberg, and Cummins diesel generator sets.

One (1) Power Plant Electrician
Technical School graduate, plus 5 years experience as industrial electrician. Applicant must be knowledgeable in motor, generator rewinding and must be able to interpret switchgear and engine control electrical wiring diagrams.

One (1) Warehouse Clerk
At least college level, plus 5 years relevant experience in warehouse management including power plant equipments and parts store. Applicant must know how to use Microsoft office Word, Excel and familiar with Peachtree Accounting software.

Contact: PMIC at Tel # 322-6181 • Fax# 322-6180

Employer: **Pacific Blue Corp.**
P.O BOX 505701 CK SAN JOSE/Phone: (233-0168)
Contact Person: Ms. Dela Cruz /Mr. Dizon (elvie@pcoutletguam.com)

Job Title: **(1)Computer User Support Specialists**
Qualification Requirements: (5) FIVE YEARS EXPERIENCE
Salary Range: $5.05 /Hourly Full Time (no House Provide)
WORK COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE
Job Duties:
- Performs repairs and analysis of all kinds of computers including Macintosh, computer peripherals and all kinds of printers.
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Bullpen big, Cardinals edge Brewers, 4-3

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Chris Carpenter needed a pick-me-up in the worst way. A bullpen that just sat back and watched the last time the St. Louis Cardinals ace pitched was ready for extended duty.

Albert Pujols hit an RBI double off Yovani Gallardo during a four-run first inning and four St. Louis relievers combined for four perfect innings Wednesday night for a 4-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers and a 2-1 edge in the NL championship series.

Suddenly, the wild-card Cardinals are front-runners. And against the team that put them away early en route to the NL Central title.

"I think our ballclub, no matter leading or behind, it doesn't really matter to be honest with you," Carpenter said. "We have battled for the last two months or however long it's been.

"We have nothing to lose."

The Brewers have lost eight in a row on the road in the postseason, a stretch that extends to Game 1 of the 1982 World Series in St. Louis on a shutout by Mike Caldwell. It's the longest current streak in the majors.

"I think regardless of whether we're winning or losing the series, we recognize what's at stake," Brewers star Ryan Braun said. "We're going to prepare ourselves just like we've been doing and expect to win tomorrow and hopefully get off to a good start."

In a matchup of star pitchers, neither starter made it past the fifth inning. Gallardo tied an NLCS record with three wild pitches, while the one-run lead Carpenter handed over to the relievers was just enough to put the Cardinals ahead in the best-of-seven series.

It was a game played in a steady drizzle but with no squirrel sightings—at least not on the field. In the previous playoff game at Busch Stadium, a squirrel scampered across home plate while the Cardinals were hitting.

The careening critter quickly became a favorite in St. Louis as the Rally Squirrel. The Cardinals' marketing department capitalized, too, giving away 40,000 rally towels with a squirrel theme, telling fans to "Go Nuts" on the video board and dressing up someone in a squirrel costume to entertain the fans between innings.

There was at least one squirrel sighting in the stands. One rodent got stuck underneath a vendor's station just outside the press box before the game, leaping to safety and up the steps to the upper deck after a worker opened a side compartment.

Kyle Lohse, pitching on 12 days' rest, starts Game 4 Thursday for the wild-card Cardinals against Randy Wolf.

"You never know how it's going to work out," Carpenter said. "That's what's so fun about this game and that's what's so fun about pitching. Our guys did a fabulous job."

St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Chris Carpenter throws during the first inning of Game 3 of baseball's National League championship series against the Milwaukee Brewers Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, in St. Louis.

AP

Fernando Salas, Lance Lynn, Marc Rzepczynski and Jason Motte shut down the Brewers to close out the victory. Motte, who had two saves lasting more than inning in September and another in the first round of the playoffs against Philadelphia, got four outs for this save and fanned pinch hitter Casey McGehee to end it.

"We've won games in several ways," Cardinals outfielder Lance Berkman said. "Tonight's was the bullpen's night to shine."

Carpenter won his seventh postseason game to tie Bob Gibson's franchise record, but with none of the brilliance of his three-hit shutout over Roy Halladay and the favored Phillies in the deciding game of the division series. He lasted only five innings, with nearly half of his 89 pitches for balls.

The starters' ineffectiveness was surprising considering their track records.

Carpenter has been clutch throughout his career in the postseason, going 7-2 with a 3.14 ERA in 12 games. Gallardo allowed only two runs in 21 innings, a minuscule 0.86 ERA, before Game 3.

The Cardinals have scored in the first inning in their last five games, and batted around against Gallardo in the first. Pujols delivered an RBI double after starring in a Game 2 win with a home run and three doubles, and then singled in the second to give him six hits in a stretch of seven at-bats.

St. Louis had its chances to break away later, but hit into three double plays and stranded nine runners. The Cardinals broke their own National League record for double plays this season.

Mark Kotsay started ahead of slumping Nyjer Morgan and homered for the Brewers. Yuniesky Betancourt had two singles and an RBI and Gallardo, a .221 hitter with a homer and four RBIs, had a sacrifice fly in the second.

Jon Jay and David Freese added RBI doubles in the first for St. Louis, which was 3 for 4 with runners in scoring position to start the game but 0 for 7 the rest of the way.

Gallardo, who's 1-7 with a 5.66 career mark against the Cardinals, trailed 2-0 after his first 12 pitches and barely made it out of the first trailing 4-0. The right-hander walked three, one of them intentional, and the Brewers had Chris Narveson up in the bullpen before Yadier Molina grounded into a double play, scoring the fourth run, for his first outs.

Gallardo trudged to the dugout after his 33-pitch ordeal. He was looking forward to another chance at St. Louis.

"Yeah, I mean, of course," Gallardo said. "I look forward to it. I can't wait and hopefully we'll get another shot at it." Luckily for the Brewers, Carpenter didn't have his "A" game, either. By the third, the lead was down to one run.

The Cardinals' ace walked none in his brilliant three-hit shutout in Game 5 of the NLDS, but had a walk and a hit batsman in the Brewers' first three plate appearances.

Carpenter escaped with help from Kotsay, who strayed too far off second on Prince Fielder's lineout to center and was doubled off the bag by Jay's strong throw to end the inning. But Carpenter didn't look comfortable in the second or third, either.

The Brewers opened the second with three straight singles with Betancourt getting the RBI. Gallardo, who batted .221 with a homer and four RBIs this season, added a sacrifice fly that cut the deficit to 4-2.

Kotsay got a spot start, partly because he's 4 for 11 against Carpenter. Kotsay hit his second career postseason homer leading off the third. Morgan flied out to start the seventh as a pinch hitter and was roundly booed throughout the at-bat.

Kotsay just missed a diving catch on Jay's bloop double to left-center in the first, a play manager Ron Roenicke said Carlos Gomez would have made. But Roenicke said Gomez was never a consideration for the lineup.

Rangers 7, Tigers 3

In Detroit, Nelson Cruz made a rocket throw to keep the score tied, then hit a three-run homer in the 11th inning that gave the Texas Rangers a win over the Detroit Tigers on and a 3-1 lead in the American League Championship Series.

The Rangers moved within one win of a place in the World Series thanks largely to Cruz, who backed up the grand slam winner he hit in Game 2 by producing two vital moments in Game 4.

In the bottom of the eighth, with Detroit runners at the corner bases, one out, and the score 3-3, Cruz caught a fly ball in right field and made a strong and accurate throw to home where catcher Mike Napoli tagged Miguel Cabrera rushing in from third to end the inning.

Napoli hit a go-ahead single in the 11th and Cruz then hit a three-run shot into the bullpen in left field to complete the scoring. Cruz became the first player in major league history to hit a pair of extra-inning homers in the same postseason series.

Texas will try for its second consecutive AL pennant on Thursday, sending C.J. Wilson to the mound to face Detroit ace Justin Verlander.

The ALCS has marked quite a turnaround for Cruz. After going just 1 for 15 in the first-round playoff win over Tampa Bay, he's 5 for 14 with 9 RBIs in only four games against the Tigers—and seven of those RBIs have come in the 11th inning alone.

The teams waited through a rain delay of 2 hours, 13 minutes before the first pitch and there was misty rain floating around through the early innings.

Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run double in the third to put Detroit ahead, but Texas scored three times in the sixth.

Brandon Inge tied it for the Tigers with a stunning homer off Alexi Ogando in the seventh. Inge struggled against right-handed pitchers all year, not hitting a single homer in 171 at-bats, but he changed that by lifted a high drive beyond left field that made it 3-3.

Detroit wasted a terrific chance to take the lead in the eighth following some risky Texas strategy.

With one out and nobody on, the Rangers intentionally walked Cabrera, daring the rest of the struggling Detroit lineup to beat them.

Victor Martinez followed with a single to right and Cabrera lumbered around to third.

Delmon Young then lift a flyball to medium right. Cruz caught it and made a perfect, one-hop throw to the plate that beat Cabrera by several feet. Cabrera bowled over Napoli, to no avail. Napoli held onto the ball and Cabrera never touched the plate.

Austin Jackson was hit by a pitch with one out in the Detroit 10th, but Napoli threw him out stealing, and reliever Scott Feldman made it through the inning without further trouble.

Tigers closer Jose Valverde had already pitched a perfect 10th, but he couldn't hold off Texas for another inning. Napoli's single scored Josh Hamilton to put the Rangers ahead and then came Cruz's big shot that all but ended the contest.

Texas closer Neftali Feliz shut down Detroit in the bottom of the 11th and moved the Rangers closer to another World Series shot.

In NBA dispute, money not mattering most

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA owners apparently weren't bluffing when they said they wanted competitive balance just as much as a chance to profit.

Though Commissioner David Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver have insisted throughout the lockout they needed the potential for both in a new collective bargaining agreement, there was often a belief—even from players—that money mattered most.

Yet it was the salary cap system, not the division of revenues, that emerged as the biggest obstacle to a new labor deal in time to save the start of the regular season.

"The numbers are close enough that that wasn't going to doom the season. The hard salary cap is what's going to doom the season right now," players' attorney Jeffrey Kessler said Monday. "That's the sticking point, because the numbers are close enough that if there was a fair system, the parties would find a way to get there."

That's not what union president Derek Fisher had predicted less than a month earlier.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—The NBA and its locked-out players are going to use the same federal mediator who tried to resolve the NFL's labor dispute months before it eventually ended.

George Cohen, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, announced Wednesday that he will oversee negotiations between the NBA and the NBA Players Association. Those meetings will start next Tuesday in New York.

Cohen said he already has been in contact with representatives of both sides "for a number of months."

"I have participated in separate, informal, off-the-record discussions with the principals representing the NBA and the NBPA concerning the status of their collective bargaining negotiations," Cohen said in a statement issued by the Washington-based FMCS.

"It is evident that the ongoing dispute will result in a serious impact, not only upon the parties directly involved, but also, of major concern, on interstate commerce—i.e., the employers and working men and women who provide services related to the basketball games, and, more generally, on the economy of every city in which those games are scheduled to be played."

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Talks had broken down after a meeting in September in which players were prepared to make a new economic proposal, but the league said players conditioned it on owners conceding on the salary cap.

It was clear the union believed management was prioritizing the financial picture when Fisher said afterward that "if we can address these economics, we're not going to lose the season over the system. So that's something that's been clear from the beginning and will remain from our perspective."

The split was never settled, but both sides say they see where compromise could be reached. Players had proposed lowering their guarantee of basketball revenues from 57 percent down to 53, which they said would transfer more than $1 billion to owners over six years. But in doing so, they expected something in return.

"I think where our paths separate is that they believe to the extent they're willing to make economic concessions that we should be willing to leave the current system largely intact, and our view is that the current system is broken in that 30 teams are not in a position to compete for championships," Silver said Monday after the league canceled the first two weeks of the regular season.

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The league's view is that teams willing to keep spending above the luxury tax level have an advantage over teams with payroll constraints. And indeed, teams such as the Lakers and Mavericks, who won the last three NBA titles, are annually among the top spenders.

So owners want a system under which teams with means can't keep blowing off the cap. Their initial proposal was for a hard salary cap like the NFL has, removing the exceptions that NBA teams possess to spend above the cap.

Players rejected that and the league has since focused on strengthening the luxury tax to deter spenders. But players believe it would become so restrictive, saying in some cases the current $1 for every $1 over the threshold penalty would become $6 or higher, that it would act as a hard cap. And the sides are also clashing over the Bird exception, which allows teams to exceed the cap to re-sign their own free agents.

"And we just said 'Wait a minute, you're creating a hard system. You're creating a hard-cap system and we've said to you that's the one thing we don't want,'" union executive director Billy Hunter said.

Players fear that a hard cap would eliminate guaranteed contracts for all but the top players. And they disagree that making teams spend equally would determine how well they compete.

"As athletes we don't believe that competitive balance is completely decided by an economic system or how much payroll exists on one team or another," Fisher said. "We believe that there are tons of other variables that impact success on the court, so we cannot just address competitive balance through the control or reduction or lower percentage of player salary or a hard tax system that essentially prevents most if not all teams into going into the tax. Those things don't create basketball wins by themselves."

The system emerged as such a difficult issue that the sides spent all of their last two meetings discussing it, never getting back to the split before Stern's deadline for canceling games. Soon after came word the unexpected reason for their failure.

"That did surprise me. Both sides said publicly that the holdup is the system. I thought for sure the big deal was the BRI either made us or broke us," said Anthony Tolliver, the Minnesota Timberwolves' player representative.

The sides have discussed a 50-50 revenue split, so perhaps settlement on the finances is there. But that won't be good enough.

"While we understand their position, we understand change is difficult, it makes no sense for us to operate under the current model where taxpayers, especially those taxpayers who are willing to spend $10, $20 (million) and often even more money above the average team in this league has a huge advantage over the other teams," Silver said.

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22 take part in Rota Cliff Fishing Derby

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A total of 22 anglers from Saipan, Rota, and Guam took part in last month's Rota Cliff Fishing Derby.

Not that they needed one, but anglers on Rota found one more excuse to go fishing—the Rota Cliff Fishing Derby on Sept. 9-11.

A once-popular tournament revived by the Marianas Visitors Authority and co-sponsors last year, the event aimed to attract visitors to the tropical island for competition at three well-known fishing sites, As Matmos, Malilok, and Pona Point. The 2011 derby of the event attracted 22 anglers from Saipan, Rota, and Guam.

"Last month's derby was another opportunity to draw visitors to Rota," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Rota is a jewel in the string of the Marianas, and this year's event sponsors worked diligently to prepare for the weekend—the Rota Mayor's Office, Rota Municipal Council, the Rota Legislative Delegation, and Guam Ambros, Inc."

Taking top place in the "Biggest" Category were Andrei Mendiola with a 6.95-lb Titan trigger fish, followed by Isidro Pabeda with a 6.6-lb. Keeled-needle fish, Redentor Devilla with a 6.56-lb red snapper, and Mel Balaan with a 6.07-lb red snapper.

Mansueto Nava reeled in the "Most Weight" with 49.45 lbs, followed by Rio Cayetano with 33.66 lbs, Brian Richards with 15.04 lbs, and Olen Jacob with 14.82 lbs.

Cayetano also topped the "Most Variety" category with 30 species, followed by Nava with 25 species, Jacob with 16 species, and Pabeda with 14 species.

An awards dinner was held and cash prizes awarded to the winners. ***(MVA)***

GBL-IT&E Cup season tips off Oct. 24

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REPORTER

The inaugural season for Garapan Basketball League's IT&E Cup has been pushed back a week and is now targeting Oct. 24 for its kick-off date, which will be held at the Garapan court.

The opener will start at 4pm and awards will be presented to the teams with the best muse and uniforms.

The eight featured teams include Haus-Satbahi, Ol'Aces, FGC Construction, R-Rebels, Mobil, Andocks, NMC Proa, and host team Konflikt-IT&E Blue.

A total of $1,000 in cash is at stake, plus a trophy, to the champion team in addition to various individual awards and other prizes.

After the conclusion of the regular season, a single-elimination playoff format will take place with the top seed earning an automatic semifinals berth. The last place team will be out of the running.

The upcoming season represents the first of a three-leg series.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Konflikt's Gino Libuw goes up for a shot during their game against Rollers in a league played at the Garapan Basketball Court this year.

The second season will run from April to June 2012 and the final leg is targeted from October to November 2012.

The GBL also announced the addition of its new photo booth where the IT&E player of the game will be recognized after each game.

In addition, the GBL will have a medical representative on hand during games in case of injuries. Organizers also plan on providing video footage during the post season to help resolve controversial plays.

For more information about GBL's IT&E Cup, email gbl670@yahoo.com or visit the group's Facebook page listed under Garapan Basketball League.

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ners start and finish the course at the Pentagon, passing through DC landmarks, like the Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, and the Capitol Building.

Joining Manglona in the race were Tinian resident Abigail Evangelista and Saipan resident Paul Anthony Viator, who was the best finisher among the three, clocking in at 1:14:39. Evangelista submitted 1:41:56.

The 23-year-old Manglona is now based in Lexington, Missouri, serving in the U.S. Army Reserve. The son of James and Emily Manglona placed 266th out of 714 runners in his division and No. 2,348 in the men's (12,245 participants) and 2,795 overall among the 21,914 finishers. He had a split time of 48:34 in the 10-mile race.

Viator joined the race as part of the 9th Mission Support Command's teams that include Army reservists from Alaska, Hawaii, Japan, Korea, American Samoa, Guam, and the CNMI.

"There were tryouts held in July in all the different locations. Captain Ryan Mortensen of Saipan, who ran the race last year, conducted the tryouts this year. The command entered six teams; an all male team, an all-female team, a mixed over 40y team, and three other mixed teams. The all female team won first place in the reserve category. The mixed team was second in the reserve mixed category. I was on the all male team, which won third place in the reserve men's category," Viator said in an email to *Saipan Tribune.*

Viator, who was also a first timer like Manglona, finished 1,911th overall and was No. 1,639 in the men's and 182 in his division. His split time was 46:07.

Evangelista joined her fourth Army Ten Miller and this year was ranked overall at No. 13, 544, No. 4,561 in the women's (19,645 female runners), and No. 890 in her division (1,760 runners). Evangelista, who is based in Alexandria, Virginia and works as the executive assistant to the Commander of the White House Communications Agency in Washington finished the halfway mark of the race in 1:00:36.

Tesfaye Sendeku of Maryland was the top overall finisher of this year's Army Ten Miller, clocking in at 47:51, while Tesata Dengera, also of Maryland, was the first female finisher at 56:35.

The inaugural Army Ten Miller was held in 1985 with Kevin McGarry of University of Maryland topping the race that drew only 1,600 runners. Marianne Dickerson, the runner-up in the 1983 Marathon World Championships, claimed the women's title.

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Yanai (Feb. 20, 2010). Akimaru's third mark was also in the freestyle race, as he posted 1:08.35 in the 100m free, surpassing anew Yanai's record by around one second. Yanai's previous mark stood at 1:09.34 and was logged on May 22, 2010.

Akimaru first made it to the 9 to 10 record books on April 6, 2011 when he completed the 50m backstroke race during the All Island Invitational 3 in 39.05 seconds, erasing the 31-year record of Keith Ludwick. Ludwick held the then 50m backstroke mark at 39.50 seconds set on March 28, 1980.

According to SSC's Lisa Kimball, the club hosted two short meets late September and early this month to prepare their swimmers for the All Schools, which will be held tomorrow at the Marpi pool.

"We had many first timers taking part in the meet, including sisters Coume and Conatsu Kaga, Louis Henley, David Boyer, Christian Villacrusis, and Allen Stafford. Also taking part in shorter races for the first time were beginners Hans Xu and Andrew and Alyssa Stafford," Kimball said.

Meanwhile, races in the All Schools meet will start at 8am, while warm-ups will begin at 7am. Around 120 swimmers from various public and public schools will compete in the weekend event.

Participating schools include six-time elementary division champion Whispering Palms School, Saipan International School, Grace Christian Academy, Saipan Community School, Mt Carmel School, Saipan Southern High School, Marianas High School, Hopwood Junior High, Chacha Junior High, Garapan Elementary School, San Vicente, Dandan, Kagman, and Gregorio T. Camacho.

The Top 3 schools in the elementary, high school, and junior high will be recognized after the meet. The winning schools will be determined using a point system. Points will given to schools based on how their swimmers finish the race.

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caught fire with an eight-point tear to start the third quarter. His teammate Erick Dela Rosa came off the bench and delivered six more in support to pull DYS within a basket, 35-37, heading into crunch time.

Coming into the final period, the Blazers front man Brandon Aulerio was held to just seven points in the first three quarters.

While DYS' defensive strategy held strong late in the match, John Darag sunk a trio of clutch 3-pointers in the last quarter to shoot his team ahead in the final minutes.

Although coming up a bit short in the match, Blazers' Torres did his best to fill the void and finished with a game-high 18 points, while Francisco led DYS with 15.

The championship pairing between the top-ranked Sonics and RBC's Fast 12 tips off in Gualo Rai tonight at 5:30pm followed by the U19 awards ceremony

In addition, the U15 season continues in Gualo Rai at 11am tomorrow with U12's Micronesian Brokers, Inc. taking on Kunoichi. Then at 12:30pm, RBC's U12 Angels square off against sister team Ol'Aces and the Party Rockers clash with NMC Proa at 2pm; these matches were originally set last Oct. 1.

DYS Rollers 50 – Francisco 15, Dela Rosa 10, Darag 9, Diaz 6, Suarez 6, Kwon 4.

CK Blazers 45 – Torres 18, Aulerio 10, Sablan 9, Eughbanks 5, Ray 2, Kaipat 1.

Scoring by quarters: 8-15, 21-28, 35-37, 50-45.

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6. MAFEA/RNV took the third place trophy, winning by default against VisMinda/PIAHI.

In the youth division, AFP/Jets claimed the inaugural championship after pulling off an 86-80 upset over Filcag Rollers. Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense won the consolation game against pennant champion MDX/Armatech, 89-79.

The open division finals also resulted in an upset with MAFEA/Ali'I Konflikt stunning the then unbeaten Namfrel/Proa in the one-game finals last Tuesday, 94-80. Bayani/Mobil settled for third place after downing Cavite/Andok's in the consolation match, 90-86.

For the MVP race, organizers have yet do release the list of candidates, but if selections will be based on statistics, the contenders may include Bayani's Jun Estolas and Gyles Ruluked, Proa's Pete Iguel, Ali'I Konflikt's Ivan Devero and Elmer Esdrelon, the Hoopaholics' Dave Sablan, Cavite's Fred Pelisamen, and Noni's Kae Bernardo.

For the youth division, the strong contenders are the Jets' Sahj Hossain and Melvin Cadiang, MDX's Matt Duenas, and Filcag's Brandon Aulerio and Leo Galarse.

In the masters division, candidates may include Cabalen's Tony Diaz and Edsel Mendoza, MDX's Martin Moreno and Bernard Montano, VisMinda's Ray Lizama and Junior Renguul, and MAFEA's Dado Vistal.

Shark Attack seizes top spot in Obyan Division

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Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack, seen here in a file photo, defeated 19th Hole Bar's Poksu, 5-2, to step alone in first place in the Obyan Division after the conclusion of last Tuesday's SBA 2011 Budweiser Summer/Fall 8-Ball League matchups.

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Wild Bill's Bar & Grill's Shark Attack toppled erstwhile Obyan Division top dog Pirata of D'Pirates Bar as the Saipan Billiard Association's 2012 Budweiser Summer/Fall Open 8-Ball League season continued last Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Agingan Division pairings resulted in a trio of lopsided road wins with current leader IT&E Voyagers maintaining control over the field.

Shark Attack manhandled 19th Hole Bar's Poksu (25-24), 5-2, at home to improve its win-loss card to 30-19. Shark Attack now holds the No. 1 spot by a game over Pirata, which also came out a winner, defeating 19th Hole's Titans (19-30), 4-3, on the road. The frontrunners were tied coming into Tuesday's matches.

Notably, Jonny's Crazy 8 pulled off an upset over sister team Team SCS, 4-3, in a home draw; the pair is now tied for fourth place in the standings with identical records of 22-27.

Pirata will have home field advantage this Tuesday when they take on Shark Attack, while Poksu welcomes Crazy 8 and Team SCS plays host to the Titans.

Top-ranked IT&E Voyagers along with sister team IT&E Incredibles and the Docomo Hustlers trudged forward in the Agingan Division standings after notching a set of 6-1 victories over separate opponents.

Jonny's Bar & Grill's IT&E Voyagers remained nine games ahead of the pack after dropping Jonny's Home Boyz Five (23-26), 6-1, in a road draw and now boasts a record of 39-10.

Utopia Bar's Docomo Hustlers still clings to second place by a game after storming into Joe's Bar & Grill's and knocking off Fotten Palau (9-40), 6-1.

The third-ranked IT&E Incredibles (29-20), of Sand's Bar, also kept hot on the trail thanks to a 6-1 thumping of VFW Post 3457's X-Tream (17-32) on the road.

This Tuesday, the IT&E Voyagers hosts X-Tream on Tuesday; the Docomo Hustlers call on the Home Boyz Five; and the IT&E Incredibles welcome Fotten Palau.

Olopai gets RGA October Ace

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Olopai

Tars Olopai was awarded the RGA October Ace title after shooting a net 79 in the Refaluwasch Golf Association monthly tournament last Sunday at Coral Ocean Point.

The 5-handicapper carded a 40 and 44 on the front and back nines of the Agingan Point course for a gross 84 and net 79, one stroke ahead of the score to beat (80), which Olopai incidentally recorded late last month during the October qualifier also at COP.

Actually, four other RGA members logged better than net 80, but were ineligible to take the monthly plum and qualify for the club championship. Manny Mangarero shot a net 75, tying junior golfer Lawrence Camacho Jr. and Jorge Moses. Mangarero and Camacho had already clinched monthly ace awards and are disqualified to win, while Moses is a new member, joining his first RGA event last weekend thus could not meet the six tournaments requirement. Ace winners are only allowed to play in the RGA Club Championship if they compete in at least six tournaments the club sanctioned.

Despite being disqualified for the October Ace, Mangarero, who beat Camacho and Moses in the tiebreak on the front nine, still pocketed the cash prize at stake in the weekend competition. The 7-handicapper Mangarero, who had a 39 and 43 on the front and back nines, prevailed in the deadlock after posting a net 35.3 in the first nine holes. Camacho, a 10 handicapper and nailed a 42 and 43 on the front and back nines, dropped to second with his net 37. The 11-handicapper Moses shot 43s on both nines, leaving him with a net 37.5 in the first nine holes for a third place finish.

Eric Lizama, who also missed the six tournaments requirement, took the No. 4 spot with his net 78, followed by Olopai, Tom Tebuteb (81), Jess Wabol (82), and Tony Rogolifoi (83).

The 24-handicapper Lizama drilled a 54 on the front back and played better on the back with his 48; Tebuteb, a 20-handicapper, had a 48 and 53 on the front and back nines, respectively; Wabol, a 2 handicapper, tallied a 44 and 40; and the 13-handicapper Rogolifoi made a 50 and 46.

Meanwhile, RGA will hold its two-man scramble tournament at the Marianas Country Club on Oct. 23. Pairings will be determined via raffle, while other details of the tournament will be announced later.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Olopai at 483-5508, Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Wabol at 288-1129.

NMA-MISO Cross Country set for Oct. 25

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Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization, in conjunction with Northern Marianas Athletics, will hold the first leg of the All School Open Cross Country Series on Oct. 25 4pm at the CPA Airport Field.

In addition, open registration is set for 8am on Oct. 22, trackside at the Oleai Sports Complex.

The other three events take place at the Civic Center on Oct. 29 (4pm), American Memorial Park on Nov. 5 (7am), and the final leg of the series is scheduled for Nov. 19 (3pm). The location of the championship event has yet to be determined.

Last season's finale was held at the CPA Airport Field and featured over 50 participants. Hopwood Elementary School's Reanita Kaipat, Rumina Litulimar and Jaylina Borja swept the U12 girls podium for the division title; they all ran a mile-long course in under nine and a half minutes.

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Three runners head to the finish line of the two-mile race in last year's All Schools Cross Country Championships at the CPA Field.

Hopwood also swept both boys and girls U14 fields, which were both set at 2 miles. Hopwood's Mikayla Lopez led the pack with a 15:24 post time ahead of her runner-up and teammate Tiuana Osuda (21:45).

Saipan Community School went home with top honors in the boys U12 division. Elnathan Wong's second place overall finish clinched first place for his team in the Boy's U12 division, while Hopwood's Bereniel Taisacan took the gold medal with his 6:01 mark; Wong posted a 6:18 and Whispering Palms' John Auther finished just four second back in third place.

SCS' Haruya Eda (7:29), Noel Lim (7:31) and Yun Pyo Geon (9:01) swept the U10 boys division and Garapan Elementary School's Joshalyn Flores won the U10 girls gold medal.

Marianas High School's Michael Mancao (12:28), Danny Bai (13:08), and Beoch Ngirchongor (13:12) swept the podium in the two-mile U18 course.

MHS' Reylynn Sapong (16:24) and Chris Obaldo (16:28) finished first and second in the Girl's division ahead of Hopwood's Corina Sudo (20:49); the U18 Giorl's also ran on a two-mile course.

Other long distance events to look forward to feature the Turkey Trot Run up to Mt. Tapochao on Nov. 24 and the Christmas Island Relay from Pacific Islands Club to Marpi on Dec. 18.

Battle of Champions moved to Saturday

The VFW Post 3457 Battle of the Champions 9-Ball Tournament will now take place tomorrow instead of Sunday, starting at 6pm.

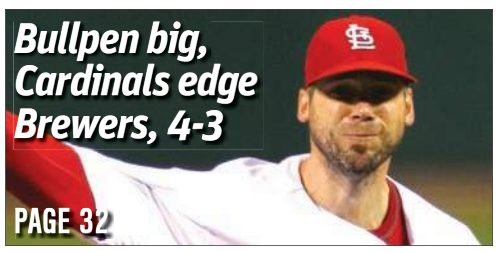
The Battle of Champions will feature 16 players who topped the weekly competitions in the past four months. The list include Mark Butac, Eugene Borja, Erwin Gomez, Jimmy Wang, Taylor Watanabe, Mike Pangelinan, Chester Cuento, Fred Robiego, Vic Hocog, Butch Pangelinan, Richard Santos, Simon Kapileo, George Pangelinan, Rolly Villanueva, Rico Montano, and Eric Caisip.

Entrance fee for the Saturday tournament is $20 and cash prizes and gifts from Budweiser and Pacific Amusement await the 16 qualifiers.

Meanwhile, before the finale this Saturday, VFW Post 3457 hosted one more weekly event with Kapileo topping the Oct. 8 competition.

Kapileo was unbeaten in four games, winning over Hocog in the first round, Jerry Soriano in the second, Borja in the semis, and then Wang in the finals. Wang also prevailed in his first round match over Watanabe and moved to the winner's bracket semis after downing Borja. With Wang losing in the winner's bracket semis, he fell to the loser's bracket and had to edge Watanabe to earn a rematch against Kapileo.

For more information about tomorrow's Battle of Champions, call 235-4839 or 483-4258. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***



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Akimaru crushes swim records

CNMI represented in Army Ten Miler

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Three runners represented the CNMI in the prestigious Army Ten Miler held on Oct. 9 (Oct. 10 on Saipan) in Washington, D.C.

Leading the list was Tinian resident and 2010 XTERRA World participant Joshua Manglona, who completed his debut race in one hour, 17 minutes, and 52 seconds.

The Army Ten Miler is an annual event open to people affiliated with the U.S. Army and other Armies in the world and run-

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Tinian's Joshua Manglona nears the finish line of the Army Ten Miller held on Oct. 9 in Washington, D.C.

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru, seen here in a file photo competing in a local tournament in April this year at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi, shattered three records in the 9 to 10 age group.

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Saipan Swim Club's Kento Akimaru now owns four records in the 9 to 10 age group after shattering three marks in pre-2011 All Schools Swimming Championships events at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

The 10-year-old SSC bet started his record splash on Sept. 29 when he finished the 200m breaststroke race in 3:12.21. Based on the copy of CNMI swim records *Saipan Tribune* has (updated as of May 21, 2011), Akimaru's time crushed the 3:17.90 Ryosei Toda of Tsunami Saipan made on May 28, 2011.

A week after his record swim in the 200m breaststroke, Akimaru returned to the Marpi pool and eclipsed two more marks. His second record in a week came in the 50m freestyle where he clocked in at 31.28 seconds, passing the 31.67 of Tsunami Saipan's Kaito

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DYS Rollers win U19 consolation game

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Rollers Basketball Club's DYS Rollers mounted a second half comeback to steal the Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball U19 consolation match, 50-45, over the Chalan Kanoa Blazers on Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai.

The Blazers got to work early and built a 15-8 lead in the opening eight minutes thanks to eight points by Patrick Torres.

Torres added six more points in the second quarter as both teams went back and fourth. The count shifted to 28-21 in favor of the Blazers at halftime. DYS' David Diaz and Daryl Suarez pumped in six markers apiece in the first half.

DYS regrouped after the break and Ralph Francisco

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DYS Rollers' Erick Dela Rosa gets some hang time for a good look at the basket in their U19 Rotary caging consolation game against CK Blazers Wednesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex.

UFO caging to announce awardees tomorrow

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The top individual performers in the 2011 UFO Inter-Organization Basketball Friendship League will be determined tomorrow when the United Filipino Organization holds the awards ceremony at the Civic Center in Susupe.

Organizers of the UFO caging will be announcing the winners of the coveted MVP titles in the Bud Cup and Docomo Cup (masters and youth divisions) beginning 6pm. League organizers will also name the Mythical Five in each division and award trophies to the Top 4 finishers.

MDX/Armatech is this year's Docomo Cup masters champion, dethroning 2010 titlist Cabalen/Wings Travel after an 84-79 victory in their winner-take-all finals on Oct.

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Filcag Rollers' Leo Galarse, left, drives against the Jets' Eugene Manglona during their title game in the youth division of the UFO Docomo Cup on Oct. 8 at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium of the TSL Sports Complex. The UFO caging will conclude the season with an awards ceremony tomorrow at 6pm.